



TOWN OF ATHOL

ANNUAL REPORT

2014-2015



MARKET BASKET, OPENING DAY
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TOWN OF ATHOL
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July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015
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PUBLIC OFFICIALS

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FACTS ABOUT ATHOL

HISTORY	April 20, 1733, General Court of Massachusetts laid out the township of Pequage. September 17, 1735, the first five families settled here. March 6, 1762, the township was incorporated and the name changed to Athol.		
LOCATION	North central Massachusetts, 38 miles north of Worcester, and 71 miles west of Boston.		
AREA	Land	32.34 square miles	
	Water	.73 square miles	
	Total	33.07 square miles	
POPULATION	11,584		
REGISTERED VOTERS	6,327		
POLLING PLACES	Precinct 1 – 3: Athol Senior Center 82 Freedom Street		
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION	First Monday in April		
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING	Second Monday in June		
FALL TOWN MEETING	Third Monday in October		
TOWN GOV'T	Open Town Meeting Five Member Board of Selectmen Town Manager		
TAX RATE	\$18.43		
TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS	Mon, Wed., Thurs. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM Tuesday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM Friday CLOSED		

STATE OFFICIALS

Governor

Charles D. Baker
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Attorney General Hotlines:

Consumer Hotline: 617-727-8400
Elder Hotline Toll Free: 1-888-AG ELDER (243-5337)
Fair Labor: 617-727-3465
Insurance Hotline Toll Free: 1-888-830-6277
Insurance Fraud Tipline: 617-573-5330
Utilities Division Hotline Toll Free: 1-888-514-6277

Secretary of the Commonwealth

William Francis Galvin
State House, Room 340
Boston, MA 02133
Executive Office: 617-727-9180
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Treasurer and Receiver-General

Deborah B. Goldberg
State House, Room 227
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State Auditor

Suzanne M. Bump
State House, Room 230
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Ann M. Gobi
State House
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Boston MA 02133
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State Representative (2nd Franklin District)

Susannah Whipps Lee
State House
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FEDERAL OFFICIALS

U.S. Senators

Elizabeth Warren

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Boston MA 02203
Phone: 617-565-3170

Springfield Office

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Springfield MA 01103
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317 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510
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Edward Markey

Boston Office

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Boston MA 02203
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Springfield Office

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Springfield MA 01101
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Washington Office

255 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510
Phone: 202-224-2742

U.S Congress (2nd Congressional District)

James McGovern

Washington DC Office

438 Cannon HOB
Washington DC 20515
Phone: 202-225-6101

Leominster Office

24 Church Street, Room 29
Leominster MA 01453
Phone: 978-466-3552

Northampton Office

94 Pleasant Street
Northampton MA 01060
Phone: 413-341-8700

Worcester Office

12 East Worcester Street
Suite 1
Worcester MA 01604
Phone: 508-831-7356

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Lawrence P. McLaughlin, 2016

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Mitchell R. Grosky, 2016
Stephen R. Raymond, 2016
Anthony A. Brighenti, 2017
Alan D. Dodge, 2017
Lee E. Chauvette, 2018

ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

From Athol:

Dale H. Lougee, 2016
Joseph F. Maga, 2016
Amber Parker, 2016
Lee E. Chauvette, 2017
Mitchell Grosky, 2017
Joao Baptista, 2018
Deborah Kuzmeskas, 2018

From Royalston:

Charles Pretti, 2016
Nancy D. Melbourne, 2017
Carla Rabinowitz, 2018

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Sharon A. Brighenti, 2016
Margaret Feldman, 2016
John R. Greene, 2017
Margaret L. Young, 2017
Francis W. Foster, 2018
Christine Miranda, 2018

ATHOL HOUSING AUTHORITY

Cathy Muzzy, 2016
Cathy Savoy, 2017
Edward Ledgard, 2019
Edward C. Sawin, 2020
Charles Winn, 2011 (State Appointee)

CONSTABLES

Leon A. Lozier, 2016
Randy Mitchell, 2017
Kenneth A. Vaidulas, 2018

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Admin. Asst., Board of Selectmen/Town Manager	Heather Brissette
Alternate Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Agent	Brian Gale
Animal Control Officer	Jennifer Arsenault
Assessor	Lisa Aldrich
Asst. Agent Board of Health	Lori A. Wiita
Assistant Collector	Susan M. Sargent
Assistant Gas Inspector	Robert Mallet
Assistant Municipal Coordinator	Jeffrey Parker
Assistant Plumbing Inspector	Rick Geyster
Assistant Superintendent of Public Works	Duane Truehart
Assistant Town Accountant	Kala Fisher
Assistant Town Clerk	Carol Forand
Assistant Treasurer	Bridget Jowder
Assistant Wire Inspector	Gordon Dickie
Board of Health Agent	Deborah Karan
Civil Defense Director	Thomas Lozier
Collector/Treasurer	Eileen Bristol
Deputy Fire Chief	Jeffrey Parker
Director, Council on Aging	Cathy Savoy
Director of Veterans' Benefits & Services	Neil McGuirk
Emergency Management Director	John Duguay
Fire Chief	John Duguay
Inspector of Animals	Jennifer Arsenault
Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Agent	Brianna Skowrya
Inspector of Gas Piping & Appliances	Daniel Joly
Inspector of Wires	Gary Terroy
Library Director	Debra Blanchard
Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical	Toni L. Phillips
School Committee	
Municipal Coordinator	John Duguay
Parking Meter Attendant	Ronny Cote
Plumbing Inspector	Daniel Joly
Police Chief	Timothy Anderson
Police Lieutenant	Kevin Heath
Sealer of Weights & Measures	John R. Greene
Superintendent of Public Works	Douglas Walsh
Superintendent of Schools	Anthony Polito
Town Accountant	Christine Mailloux
Town Clerk	Nancy E. Burnham
Town Counsel	Mark Goldstein
Town Manager	Shaun Suhoski
Town Planner	Andrea Buglione

TOWN BOARDS/COMMITTEES

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Pam Browning, 2017
Laurie Parker, 2017
Nora Weaver, 2017
Sydney Adams, 2018
Ranee LaPointe, 2018

Alternate Members:

Casey Smith, 2016

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Vacant, 2016
Vacant, 2016
Vacant, 2016
Vacant, 2016
Vacant, 2016

ATHOL CULTURAL COUNCIL

Robin Brzowski, 2016
Brenda Buck, 2016
Anne Cutler-Russo, 2016
Joann Deacon, 2016
Tabitha DeHays, 2016
Marie Lehmann, 2016
Jean Shaughnessy, 2016
Brianna Haskins, 2017
Christine Hause, 2017

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Kenneth A. Vaidulas, 2017
Heather Brissette, 2018
Lisa Aldrich, indefinite

BOARD OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Aimee Hanson, 2016
Kathy Norton, 2016
Andrea Buglione, 2018
David Small, 2019
Jacqueline Doherty, 2019
Richard Hayden, 2020
Steve Wills, 2020

BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

Timothy Anderson, 2016
Nancy Burnham, 2016
Kala Fisher, 2016
Toni Phillips, 2016
Jean Robinson, 2016
Vacant, 2016
Vacant, 2016

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Daniel Carey, 2016
Mark Wright, 2016

CAPITAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Erik Euvard, 2016
Dennis Killay, 2016
Michael Butler, 2017
John Lambert, 2017
Linda Oldach, 2017
Robert Muzzy, 2018
James Smith, 2019

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

Heather Brissette, 2016
Nancy Burnham, 2016
Lee Chauvette, 2016
Ben Feldman, 2016
Joan Gross, 2016
Jason LeRay, 2016
Lawrence McLaughlin, 2016
Charles Ponusky, 2016
Keith Williams, 2016

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Katheryn Harrow, 2016
Dennis Killay, 2016
James Smith, 2016
John R. Greene, 2017
Laura Smith, 2017
Walter Lehmann, 2018
Robert Muzzy, 2018

Associate Members:

Elwin Bacon, 2016
Jamie Briggs, 2016

COUNCIL ON AGING

Stephen Larry, 2016
Margaret Young, 2016
Ruth Black, 2017
Kathy Cygan, 2017
Linda Grenier, 2017
Lillian Bachelder, 2018
Walter Lehman, 2018
Jean Ryder, 2018
Cathy Savoy, Director

DOWNTOWN VITALITY COMMITTEE

Carol Ambrozy, 2016
Diana Beland, 2016
Richard Godin, 2016
Ranee LaPointe, 2016
Stephen Raymond, 2016

Associate Members:

Paula Robinson, 2016
David Small, 2016
Shelly Small, 2016

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION (EDIC)

Richard Plotkin, 2016
Martin Robichaud, 2016
James W. Meehan, Jr., 2017
Keith McGuirk, 2017
Mark Wright, 2017
Clinton Sykes, 2018
Calvin Taylor, 2018

Associate Members:

Vacant, 2016
Vacant, 2016

FINANCE AND WARRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ben Feldman, 2016
Paul Nelson, 2016
Kenneth Duffy, 2017
Erik Euvrard, 2017
Jo King, 2018
Cynthia Caldwell, 2018
Gary Deyo, 2018

BOARD OF HEALTH

Joan Hamlett, 2016
Earle Baldwin, 2017
Norma Purple, 2018

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Carolyn Brouillet, 2016
John R. Greene, 2016
Shelly Small, 2017
Jean Shaughnessy, 2017
Vacant, 2018

HOLIDAY DECORATING COMMITTEE

Anthony Brighenti, 2016
Patrick DiPietro, 2016
Karen Rathburn, 2016
Stephen Raymond, 2016
Charles Shatos, 2016
Roger Watts, 2016
Herbert Wheeler, 2016

INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lisa Aldrich, 2016
Ben Feldman, 2016
Kevin Heath, 2016
Robert Hughes, 2016
Doug Kaczmarczyk, 2016
Paul Landry, 2016
Vacant, 2016

MEMORIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Anthony Brighenti, 2016
Nancy E. Burnham, 2016
Lee E. Chauvette, 2016
Ben J. Feldman, 2016

John R. Greene, 2016
Vacant, 2016
Vacant, 2016

MEMORIAL HALL REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

Bonnie Benjamin, 2016
Rene Lake-Gagliardi, 2016
Joanne Rich, 2016
Ethan Stone, 2016
Vacant, 2016

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Earle Baldwin, 2016
Robert Curley, 2016
Erik Euvrard, 2016
Joshua Feldman, 2016
Brian Hall, 2016
David Small, 2016

Associate Members:

Richard D. Godin, 2016
Robert Muzzy, 2016

PLANNING BOARD

Ann Taylor, 2017
John Lambert, 2018
Garrett Knapik, 2019
Calvin Taylor, 2020
Vacant, 2016

RECREATION COMMISSION

Sandra King, 2016
Joni Paulino, 2016
Vacant, 2016
Vacant, 2016
Vacant, 2016

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Gerard Lozier, 2016
Hugh A. Horrigan, 2017
Vacant, 2018
Nancy E. Burnham, Town Clerk

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Anthony Brighenti, 2016
Sharon Brighenti, 2016
Andrea Buglione, 2016
Margaret Feldman, 2016
Travis Knechtel, 2016
Gregory McGuane, 2016
David Small, 2016

TAX INCREMENTAL FINANCING COMMITTEE

Lisa Aldrich, 2016
Ken Duffy, 2016
Christine Mailloux, 2016
Vacant, 2015
Vacant, 2015

TOWN ENERGY COMMITTEE

Andrea Buglione, 2016
 Aimee Hanson, 2016
 James Maxwell, 2016
 Vacant, 2016
 Vacant, 2016

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Richard Coburn, 2016
 Susan Mondy Sykes, 2017
 Elvin R. Chartrand, 2018
 Henry D'Orto, Jr., 2019
 Robert Mallet, 2020

VACANT & UNOCCUPIED BUILDING COMMITTEE

Anthony Brighenti, 2016
 Alan Dodge, 2016
 John Duguay, 2016
 Harry Haldt, 2016
 Deborah Karan, 2016
 Robert Matthews, 2016
 Brianna Skowrya, 2016
 Calvin Taylor, 2016
 Bruce Winters, 2016

Associate Members:

Kala Fisher, 2016
 Richard Godin, 2016

ZONING BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

William Aucoin, 2016
 Pam Browning, 2016
 Richard Godin, 2016
 Vacant, 2016
 Vacant, 2016

WHEN BOARDS & COMMITTEES MEET

DATE OF MEETING	TIME OF MEETING	PLACE OF MEETING
ATHOL HOUSING AUTHORITY		
1st Wednesday	9:15 AM	21 Morton Meadows
ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE		
3rd Wednesday	6:30 PM	Middle School
BOARD OF ASSESSORS		
Tuesday	As posted	Room 15
BOARD OF HEALTH		
4th Tuesday	4:00 PM	Room 1
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES (no meeting July & August)		
3rd Wednesday	6:00 PM	Library
BOARD OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT		
1 st Wednesday	7:00 PM	Liberty Hall
BOARD OF SELECTMEN		
1 st & 3rd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Room 21
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
4th Tuesday	7:00 PM	Liberty Hall
CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD		
4 th Wednesday	9:00 AM	Room 3
COUNCIL ON AGING		
3rd Tuesday	1:00 PM	Room 21
EDIC		
2 nd Wednesday	7:00 PM	Liberty Hall

FINANCE AND WARRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1st & 3rd Wednesday 7:00 PM Liberty Hall

PLANNING BOARD

1st Monday 7:00 PM Room 21

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

4th Wednesday 7:00 PM Room 21

ZONING BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

2nd Monday 7:00 PM Room 21

All meetings are held in Memorial Building unless otherwise noted.

Meeting notices and agendas are available on the Town of Athol website at www.athol-ma.gov

VITAL RECORDS

	7/1/13 - 6/30/14	7/1/14 - 6/30/15
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Births	103	91
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Marriages	58	63
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Deaths	178	181
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Lee E. Chauvette, *Chairman*

Anthony A. Brighenti

Alan D. Dodge

Stephen R. Raymond

Susannah M. Whipps Lee / Mitchell R. Grosky

Shaun A. Suhoski, *Town Manager*

Email: ssuhoski@townofathol.org

Heather J. Brissette, *Administrative Asst.*

Email: selectmen@townofathol.org

To the Citizens of the Town of Athol:

The Board of Selectmen had a busy fiscal year in 2015 starting with the hiring of a new Town Manager in July. Shaun Suhoski will be Athol's fourth Town Manager since the inception of the Town Charter in 2000 and comes to the Town via Sturbridge. The Board met with Suhoski and set several goals for him to work towards in his first year, chief among them was Economic Development. In February the Board met again and provided Suhoski with a favorable six month review.

The Board celebrated the successful campaign of Selectwoman Susannah Whipps-Lee to State Representative, 2nd Franklin District but reluctantly accepted her resignation in March. Long time school committee member and school administrator Mitchell R. Grosky was elected in April to complete her term ending in 2016.

Policy Discussions:

Despite the changes the Board stayed on task and worked on several key policy initiatives. In August the Board moved forward with regionalizing its animal control services and worked with Police Chief Timothy Anderson and FRCOG Representative Ted Harvey finalize the Regional Animal Control Agreement with Orange and Royalston.

The Board also took a big step towards regional police and fire dispatch by entering into a 25 year agreement with the city of Gardner. This agreement was signed contingent upon receipt of grant funding, successful collective bargaining, and provides multiple "escape hatches" for both communities should things not progress as anticipated. The regional dispatch final agreement is anticipated for FY17.

After a presentation from Kinder Morgan, inc regarding a natural gas pipeline proposal thru the North Quabbin Region the Board voted unanimously not to support the project and asked that boards and committees representing Town owned land not allow Kinder Morgan access to town owned property for surveying or other actions related to the pipe line.

In response to several residents who brought forward the idea that the Board of Health members should be elected rather than appointed the Board asked the Charter Review Committee to consider the issue and whether it should be brought before the voters. The Charter Review put the question before voters and it was defeated by a wide margin.

Another topic debated by the Board was a tag sale policy. The Board weighed the pros and cons of several ways to successfully manage yard sales in town, especially those along Main St. Ultimately a policy, limiting the number of sales one resident can have and requiring a permit, was approved. The Board overturned their own policy a few months later, however.

Licensing:

In November the Board completed its annual licensing by approving the following permits and licenses for the 2015 calendar year.

Class II Motor Vehicle Licenses for Bills Motor Mart, 12 Lewis St., C&D Towing located 158 Marble St., Dales Auto Body located at 25 Bickford Drive, Flint's Garage Sales located at 990 So. Main St., Hancock Motor Sales, 201 Daniels Shays Hwy., Tool Town Auto located at 2298 Main St., Victory Lane Motors located at 22 Chestnut Hill Ave., Wilson & Steely, Kustom Coachworks, LLC of Main St.

Class III Automobile Licenses for Hayes Auto Body of 81 Rich Place.

Common Victualler's Licenses for Global Montello Energy DBA Mr. Mikes, American Lithuanian Naturalization Club, Athol Pizza House, Blind Pig LLC, Bruce's Browser, Inc., Conway Petro, LLC, Country Convenience, Route 13 Donuts, Inc. Dunkin Donuts, 2143 Main St. and 1643 South Main St., Edward H. Phillips Post Home, Inc., Eight Dragon Restaurant, Franco American De Naturalization Club, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Athol Orange Aerie #4545, Inc., Hannaford Brothers Co., Larry's Meat & Produce, Losier's Café DBA The Dery Bar, McDonalds Restaurant, Olde Time New England Seafood Co., Tea Garden, Tool Town Pizza, Village Grill & Pizza, & Zedas of Athol.

All Alcoholic Liquor Licenses Issued under Section 12 for American Lithuanian Naturalization Club located at 365 South Main St. and managed by Paul Sundstrom, Blind Pig, LLC located at 98 Exchange St. and managed by David Veautour. Edward H. Phillips Post Home, Inc. located at 325 Pequoig Ave. and managed by Thomas Pierce, Ellinwood Country Club located at 1928 Pleasant St. and managed by Vicki Johnson, Franco American De Naturalization Club of Athol located at 592-594 South St. and managed by Norman LaFountain, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Athol Orange Aerie #4545, Inc. located at 99 Hapgood St., and managed by Clyde Woodbury, Losier's Café DBA The Dery Bar of Athol located at 5 Pine St. and managed by Richard Dery, Mark IV Lounge DBA Traverse St. located at 73 Traverse St and managed by David Caldwell, The Steel Pub located at 11 Exchange St. and managed by Irvin Hartin.

Wine & Malt Liquor Licenses Issued under Section 12 for Athol House of Pizza located at 522 Main St. and managed by Agathi Spanakis, Olde Time New England Seafood located 2143 Main St. and managed by Leon Drouin, Tool Town Pizza located at 246 Exchange St. and managed by Ayman E. Fares.

All Alcoholic Liquor Licenses Issued under Section 15 for Foster Liquors Corp DBA Athol Spirits located at 9 Tunnel St. and managed by Shawn Foster, Stan's Liquor Mart located at 1586 South Main St. and managed by Constance Milusich, Uptown Package Store located at 2280 Main St. and managed by John Cotter and Brad Cass.

Wine & Malt Liquor Licenses Issued under Section 15 for Athol General Store located at 390 Crescent St. and managed by Bhavikaben (Jake) J. Patel, Country Convenience located at 49 So. Main St. and managed by Gaurang Patel.

Auto-amusement licenses for American-Lithuanian Naturalization Club for six (6) video, one (1) jukebox, two (2) pool tables, Blind Pig, LLC for 3 video, Edward H. Phillips Post Home, Inc. for 3 video machines, Franco-American de Naturalization Club for 4 video, 1 jukebox, 2 pool tables, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Athol Orange Aerie #4545, Inc. for one (1) jukebox, two (2) pool tables, three (3) video, Losier's Café for 4 video, 1 jukebox, 1 pool table, 1 target game, Traverse St Café for 1 pinball, 4 video, 1 jukebox, 1 pool table, Tool Town Pizza for one (1) pool table and five (5) video, The Steel Pub for two (2) video, one (1) jukebox, two (2) pool tables.

Live Entertainment Permits for American Lithuanian Naturalization, including Sunday, Blind Pig, LLC, NOT including Sunday, Edward H. Phillips Post Home, Inc., including Sunday after 1 p.m., Franco American De Naturalization Club of Athol, including Sunday, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Athol Orange Aerie #4545, Inc., including Sunday, Losier's Café DBA / The Dery Bar of Athol, NOT including Sunday, The Steel Pub, including Sunday after 1 p.m.

Lodging Permit for the Athol Area YMCA, 545 Main St. Chauvette seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

In the next several months the Board added three new All Alcoholic Liquor Licenses for the Tea Garden, Atholl House and Bon Appetite. The Board continues to honor a vote taken in 2012 saving at least one of the final three restaurant licenses for use in the North Quabbin Business Park. The Board also welcomed Market Basket Store Manager Ron Lambert to a meeting and approved a Common Victualler's license in advance of the new store's Grand Opening on Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015.

Financial Notes:

In November the Board met with Unibank and signed the bond documents to borrow the first four million dollars of the construction cost of the new elementary school. The \$43 million school building project is projected to ultimately cost the Town approximately \$14 million.

In January the Town held an auction of town owned property and tax title property which brought in close to \$200,000 which will be certified and available for use in fiscal year 2016.

It was a good year for the Town of Athol and the Board thanks the citizens for their support.

Sincerely,

Lee E. Chauvette, Chairman
Anthony A. Brighenti
Alan D. Dodge
Stephen R. Raymond
Susannah M. Whipps Lee / Mitchell R. Grosky

TOWN MANAGER ANNUAL REPORT

Greetings!

It is hard to believe that I am writing my second report as your Town Manager. My first 18 months in this position was a whirlwind of activity: improved financial procedures, reducing reliance on one-time revenues to balance the operating budget, and developing the framework of a sustainability plan for Athol's longer-term economic growth and health.

This report reflects the fiscal year running from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

After beginning my duties in August of 2014, the Board of Selectmen voted a series of goals focused around internal financial reforms and longer-term economic development planning.

As such, I began to convene regular "Finance Team" meetings with the Town's top financial officers, namely, Town Accountant Christine Mailloux, Treasurer-Collector Eileen Bristol and Principal Assessor Lisa Aldrich. Throughout my first full year as Town Manager, we worked closely and collaboratively to assess the January 2014 MassDOR report, to implement recommendations and to complete our primary goal; establishment of the first written set of financial policies for the Town.

In October 2014, the Board of Selectmen formally adopted the "Fiscal Management Policies" which were subsequently also voted by the Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee. These policies, which can be reviewed on the "Sunshine Page" of the Town's Web site, formalized the Town's budgeting, free cash, borrowing, capital and reserve fund processes.

In addition, at the recommendation of the Finance Team, the fall Town Meeting endorsed creation of an Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund (OPEB) to begin planning for future unfunded liabilities.

The establishment of written policies and the creation of the OPEB trust fund helped the Town to improve its bond rating from the "single A" level to "double A" (AA- Standard & Poor's) in November 2014. In turn, the improved bond rating helped the Town achieve a competitive interest rate for borrowing related to the new elementary school.

In early 2015, the Finance Team prepared and issued a final response to the DOR report before the Board of Selectmen.

During the spring and early summer of 2015, public and private investment in the community soared as construction began on the new Athol Community Elementary School and the first building at North Quabbin Commons (for an 80,000 sf Market Basket).

These projects are but a portion of over \$100 million in public and private investment into Athol projected from 2014 through 2016.

In the coming year, my office will release a comprehensive economic development plan that seeks zoning reform along primary transportation corridors, creates new access to Route 2 at South Athol Road, makes sites "ready" for investment (including downtown sites) and develops a unified permitting board to improve efficiency while also ensuring better development outcomes for the Town.

But this work cannot be accomplished by a wave of the Town Manager's hand.

My office will work with the Board of Selectmen, Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee, Economic Development Industrial Corp., Dept. of Planning and Development, North Quabbin Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau, major private employers, social service groups such as the North Quabbin Community Coalition, and neighboring communities so that we, collectively, raise the economic bar in Athol and the North Quabbin region.

Athol is a jewel. But it requires effort from all of us – government, business and residents – to make it shine. Email me directly at ssuhoski@townofathol.org should you have any questions or suggestions surrounding the operations of local government. Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shaun A. Suhoski', written in a cursive style.

Shaun A. Suhoski
Town Manager

Fiscal Year FY15
Finance Committee Report – June 9, 2014

The members of the Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee are appointed by the Town Moderator to be an independent advisory committee, representing our fellow citizens and taxpayers of the Town of Athol in the process of local town government.

The committee, comprised of seven members, reviews all warrant articles including the town budget and advises the citizens attending the town meeting what we feel is the best course of action to take on a given article.

The committee holds bi-weekly meetings throughout the year, meeting with the Town Manager along with various boards, committees and department heads as needed – reviewing any matter of importance that may come up during the year. We also review the current fiscal year budget on a regular basis – assisting the Town Manager in oversight of the town's finances.

I would like to spend a few moments to discuss with the assembly how the town finances its operations in any given year – as it is important to realize how we get the needed funds to provide the various municipal services that we all have come to expect.

The budget you will be acting on this evening totals just over 20 million dollars. While most of us focus on expenses – it is just as important to understand that income or revenues allow us to expend the funds that provide the services in the town. If there are not sufficient revenues – then the best – well-planned and managed budget is doomed to failure.

Annually, the municipal budget is funded by 4 sources. The largest source is the tax levy. This source includes real estate taxes, including the yearly 2.5% allowable increase along with associated new taxes from recently built properties (called “New Growth”) and any Debt Exclusions voted by the townspeople. In total this funding source accounts for roughly 52 percent of any yearly budget.

The next funding source is known as “Local Receipts”. Local receipts include items such as Motor Vehicle Excise taxes, ambulance revenues,

various license fees and permits, rental of town facilities, parking tickets, late penalties and interest – along with other fee for services such and water and sewer fees. This funding source supplies about 29 percent of the needed funds for the town budget.

Next we have State Aid. About 13 percent of our yearly municipal budget is fund with monies from the State. The money we receive in Athol as “Local Aid” is less than in some other cities or towns in the Commonwealth because the State Chapter 70 educational funds are distributed directly to the regional school district. State Aid comes in the form of lottery money – known as Unrestricted General Government Aid. Also received are partial reimbursements for Veterans Benefits, State owned land within the town, various exemption reimbursements for certain veterans and elderly citizens and aid for the local library.

Lastly we have about 6 percent of miscellaneous funding. This funding source can be in the form of grants received from the federal government or state government. Funding can also be from the sale of town real estate or other property or equipment. In general this funding stream is a one-time source of revenue for the budget.

These are the four funding sources available to the town. All expenses must be covered by these four funding sources. Unlike the federal or state government – by law, we must have a balanced budget every year.

At some point this evening you will hear mentioned the term “free cash”. Over the years this has become a most popular term for cities and towns and a very important asset in any communities operations.

Simply put “free cash” is unspent, unrestricted funds from operations of a previous fiscal year. These funds can be a combination of actual receipts in excess of revenue estimates, unspent amounts in budget line items or unexpended free cash from a previous year. Unpaid property taxes and certain deficits reduce the amount that can be certified as “free cash” by the Department of Revenue. This calculation is based on the town’s Balance Sheet as of the end of each fiscal year - June 30. These monies cannot be appropriated for use until certified by the Department of Revenue.

The certified amount of “free cash” at this time is \$767,330.00, which is up from the previously certified amount of \$488,218.00.

Concerning the expense portion of the budget, annually the town tends to appropriate about two-thirds of the budget almost equally on three major categories: education, public safety and fixed costs. The remaining third of the budget is typically spent towards public works, general government, human services, cultural and recreational programs and debt service.

In our most recent fiscal status review – Moody's Investors Service gave the town an upper-medium, A-1 credit rating citing Athol's fiscal stability, conservative budget practices, sufficient reserve levels and manageable debt profile.

Going forward – the key to reducing the tax burden of the residential taxpayer is through two avenues. First and foremost - prudent budget management practices. Which means becoming more efficient and business-like in our day-to-day operations and oversight. The second key is through economic development. Bringing new businesses and industry not only provides needed employment opportunities along with increased real estate values, it also adds to the existing tax base. As an example – even at the early stages of development at the business park uptown – the FY15 taxes being received equal the same amount as the average tax bill of 56 residential tax bills (\$140,000). Economic development is crucial to expanding the tax base and helping provide relief to the residential taxpayers of Athol.

At this time - on behalf of the Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee, I would like to thank all department heads, committees and boards for their cooperation during the past year. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

Submitted,

Ken Duffy
Chairman, FWAC

The Athol Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee:
Ken Duffy, Chairman, Ben Feldman, Vice Chairman
Members: Cynthia Caldwell, Gary Deyo, Erik Euvrard and Paul Nelson.

Athol Public Library

Report of the Board of Library Trustees 2014-2015

To: The Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Athol

Construction continued outside the new library building as part of the PARC Grant project. The flood wall along Millers River was beautified with a new stone face and a fence was installed along the top for safety. Grass, trees, shrubs, and flowers were planted and, in some cases, replanted. The raised garden beds were put into place, filled with compost and soil, and families planted vegetables and flowers as part of a series of programs. Two of the boulders unearthed during the building project were transformed into the wings of a butterfly as part of the park walkway. A Liberty Elm was donated by the Shade Tree Commission and planted in the park near the Butterfly. A change in the size and shape of the amphitheater was made in order to use granite blocks reclaimed from the old South Main Street Bridge, adding to the interesting history of the space and its connections to the river.

The Trustees requested that the Board of Health designate the library and its property as a Smoke Free Campus and signs indicating this were installed. A fence was installed between the upper and lower parking lots for the safety of people trying to cross the divider and climb the banking. An issue with businesses using many of the prime parking spaces was resolved with a compromise with the Town Manager. Non-patrons of the library will be asked to park in the far lot to save the closer spaces for customers using the library.

Inside the building, the heating system continued to be an issue. The electricity bills for several town departments were far above budget and a solution was reached with the finance committee to transfer funds to help cover the costs. The Trustees approved money that had been set aside to purchase a generator to cover the rest of the electricity expense. Snow build up in the air exchange units off the driveway and on the roof was a problem. The director, Deb Blanchard, cleared snow from the units on the roof at least twenty times in a two week period. The snow on the roof also played a part in the delay in activating the solar panels that were finally installed. A final walkthrough with the general contractor, project manager, architect, and others involved in the building project was held in December before the warranties expired on December 31, 2014.

The Trustees approved room use for several new programs and groups, including an Adult Chess Club on night a week, a homeschool music program, a diabetes prevention workshop, a Girl Scout sleepover, and filming of a movie by a group of young people. The library hosted a Legislative Breakfast attended by Trustees, Friends, and staff, as well as politicians and many

representatives from other libraries in the area. The Trustees also heard a presentation by Linda Mack of the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts on investing in a foundation. Upon the resignation of their office staff, the Literacy Volunteers of Orange and Athol moved out of their office space here at the library and the Friends of the Library took over the space as their office and storage area for their book sale.

The Trustees appointed six people to the newly established Art Committee: Susan Paju, Heidi Kleiner, Susie Feldman, Shelley Small, and David Brothers, and the library director as a non-voting member. The Committee promptly organized their first exhibit and reception with K.C. Pearson.

Policies that were revised or instituted this year included: Art Gift Acceptance, Art Exhibition, Bulletin Boards and Exhibition, Social Media, Patron Confidentiality, and Telescope Lending.

In staff news, Debra Blanchard announced her retirement. After being interviewed by the Trustees and the Town Manager, Jean Shaughnessy was promoted to Director upon Deb's retirement, and the search for a new Children's Librarian began. Carol Ambrozy, trustee, decided not to run for re-election. Newly elected trustee, Christine Miranda was welcomed at the April 2014 Trustees' meeting. The board elected the following officers: Margaret Young as chair and Susie Feldman as clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret L. Young, Chairman
Margaret "Susie" Feldman, Clerk
Sharon Brighenti
Frank Foster
J.R. Greene
Christine Miranda

ATHOL HOUSING AUTHORITY
ANNUAL REPORT
7/1/15 – 6/30/16

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Athol Housing Authority provides affordable housing to low and moderate income families, as well as to the elderly and disabled. Housing is available based on Federal and State Program Regulations.

The Authority owns 78 Elderly/Handicapped units under the Massachusetts Chapter 667 Housing Program as well as 16 units of Family units under the Massachusetts Chapter 705 Housing Program.

Additionally, the Authority administers housing subsidies for 45 families under the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program and 58 families under the Federal Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Effective January 5, 2015, the Orange Housing Authority (OHA) shares office space with the Athol Housing Authority (AHA). The combined staff is made up of the following:

Christi Martin, Executive Director/Secretary to the Board (AHA)
Bridget Sullivan, Program Administrator (AHA)
Connie Parmenter, MRVP Administrator (AHA)
Linda Lefebvre, Receptionist (OHA)
Barbara Smith, Receptionist (OHA)
Stephen Larry, Maintenance Supervisor (AHA)
Steven Belanger, Maintenance Supervisor (OHA)
Nicholas Tarara, Maintenance Staff (AHA)

The Authority is overseen by the Board of Commissioners, which meet on a monthly basis. The Board is made up of the following:

Cathy Savoy, Chairperson
Edward Sawin, Vice-Chairperson
Ted Ledgard, Treasurer
Cathy Muzzy, Commissioner

The office of the Athol Housing Authority is located at 21 Morton Meadows and is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Phone 978-249-4848. Fax 978-249-9604.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christi Martin
Executive Director
Athol Housing Authority

CHAPTER TWO

FINANCE

Reports of the Accountant,
Collector, Treasurer &
Assessor

**FINANCIAL REPORTS
FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Town Manager and the Citizens of Athol, Massachusetts:

The following reports are the financial transactions of the Town of Athol for the twelve (12) month period ending June 30, 2015.

Receipts and Payments July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015		
General Fund Revenue		
Taxes & Excises:		
Personal Property Taxes	448,347.74	
Real Estate Taxes	11,053,620.47	
Tax Title Redeemed	116,337.38	
Sale of Tax Title Possessions	48,500.00	
Motor Vehicle Excises	1,037,208.55	
Penalties & Interest Earned on Taxes	176,568.51	
In Lieu of Taxes	1,733.93	
Total Taxes & Excises		12,882,316.58
Department Revenue		
Animal Control	65.00	
Board of Health	46,556.53	
Town Clerk	50,859.50	
Library	665.00	
Police	42,210.02	
Fire	11,991.62	
Ambulance	671,228.54	
Wire	53,843.00	
Building	62,440.95	
Tax Collector Fees	28,770.00	
Sealer WM	4,212.00	
Cemetery Receipts	25,694.00	
Conservation/Misc DPW	0.00	
Selectmen	14,850.00	
DPW Permits	325.00	
Rentals	79,396.08	
Parking Fines	11,810.00	
Investment Income	10,224.02	
Medicare		
Court Fines	15,090.00	
Miscellaneous	44,972.83	
Retirement	2,277.00	
CDBG	36,451.46	
Veteran's District	24,394.07	

ACO District	18,540.27	
Septic Betterment Revenue	9,273.19	
Total Departmental Revenue		1,266,140.08
State Revenue		
Abatements - Vets, Blind, Surv.	65,105.00	
Additional Assistance General		
Lottery	2,355,775.00	
Veterans Benefits	120,540.00	
Reimbursement of Taxes - State Land	44,766.00	
Urban Redevelopment	40,880.00	
Library	19,987.00	
Assessments	(74,797.00)	
Total State Revenue		2,572,256.00
Transfers from Other Funds		
Special Revenue Funds	288,700.00	
Trust Funds	35,000.00	
Water Enterprise	157,594.00	
Sewer Enterprise	157,594.00	
Transfer Enterprise	18,455.00	
Total From Other Funds		657,343.00
Total General Fund Revenue		17,378,055.66

Town of Athol
Expense to Budget
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Group	Department	Budget	Expended	Ending Balance
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FINANCE

	Finance Committee	75,000.00	68,181.62	6,818.38
	Accounting	113,721.00	113,679.53	41.47
	Assessor	116,581.00	115,576.10	1,004.90
	Treasurer/Collector	2,515,156.09	2,511,793.77	3,362.32
	Treasurer/Debt	1,586,075.00	1,401,759.22	184,315.78
		4,406,533.09	4,210,990.24	195,542.85

PUBLIC SAFETY

	Police	1,730,481.21	1,711,676.10	18,805.11
	Fire	1,680,935.00	1,680,935.00	0.00
	Building Department	107,485.00	107,485.00	0.00
	Wiring Inspector	29,147.00	28,551.02	595.98
	Sealer Weights Meas.	7,485.00	7,484.60	0.40
	Animal Control			0.00
	Board of Health	108,968.00	107,466.59	1,501.41
		3,664,501.21	3,643,598.31	20,902.90

PUBLIC SERVICE

	Selectmen	637,081.00	629,863.00	7,218.00
	Town Manager	107,140.00	105,490.00	1,650.00
	Capital Planning Com	1,020.00	1,020.00	0.00
	Town Clerk	124,502.00	124,502.00	0.00
	Elect / Registration	23,100.00	21,320.54	1,779.46
	Conservation Comm	8,524.00	8,489.96	34.04
	Planning Board	1,500.00	1,191.20	308.80
	Zoning Board	2,050.00	1,550.40	499.60
	Planner	85,913.00	85,879.49	33.51
	Memorial Hall	124,816.00	124,816.00	0.00
	Professional Services	167,445.32	161,501.83	5,943.49
	Council on Aging	110,616.00	103,251.02	7,364.98
	Veterans Department	210,000.00	210,000.00	0.00
	Library	479,545.00	479,545.00	0.00
	Parking Clerk	10,175.00	10,118.86	56.14
	Recreation	29,300.00	29,300.00	0.00
	Beaches	24,985.00	24,649.09	335.91
		2,147,712.32	2,122,488.39	25,223.93

PUBLIC WORKS

	DPW Administration	204,182.00	204,182.00	0.00
	Highway Department	864,792.00	1,066,749.89	(201,957.89)
	Cemetery	288,614.16	288,614.16	0.00
		1,357,588.16	1,559,546.05	(201,957.89)

NOTE: Prior year holdover amounts included in budgeted figures.

OTHER

	Retirement	1,573,182.00	1,573,182.00	0.00
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SCHOOL

	ARRSD	3,875,513.00	3,875,513.00	0.00
	Vocational	237,738.00	237,738.00	0.00
		4,113,251.00	4,113,251.00	0.00

ASSESSMENTS

	Air Pollution Control	2,590.00	2,590.00	0.00
	Franklin RTA	48,547.00	48,547.00	0.00
	RMV Non-Renewal	22,660.00	22,660.00	0.00
		73,797.00	73,797.00	0.00

TOTAL OPERATIONAL SPENDING	17,336,564.78	17,296,852.99	39,711.79
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ARTICLES/HOLDOVERS

Description	Amount	
FY09 Capital Plan	4,330.95	
FY10 Capital Plan	0.00	
FY11 Capital Plan	1,431.00	
FY12 Capital Plan	29,547.02	
FY13 Capital Plan	142,731.73	
FY14 Capital Plan	94,750.94	
FY15 Capital Plan	232,230.26	
		505,021.90
FY15 Assessors Reval	46,000.00	
Mark/Sale of Timber	8,554.98	
Repairs to Cupola	17,000.00	
Ext Stairs Repair	30,000.00	
EMT/Medic Training	1,152.25	
FY15 Demolish Bldgs	18,291.00	
Secure Buildings	17,519.40	
Easement Cass Mead.	10,000.00	
DEP Phase 1 Site Inv	18,638.10	
BOH Mass Poll Abate	14,000.00	
DIF Prin/Int	80,000.00	

	Secutiry Cameras		1,841.18
	EDIC		1,263.02
	Legal		200.00
	BOH Supplies		200.59
	COAging Stipend		1,500.00
	COAging HVAC		745.99
	HWY Maint Oil Resurf		8,000.00

274,906.51

Sewer Fund

	Holdover		1,200.00
	Improve WPS & Treatment Plant		17,407.21
	STP Vehicle		4,010.36
	FY14 Replace UV Lamp		20,000.00
	FY15 Capital		6,778.10
	FY15 Replace UB Lamp		20,000.00

69,395.67

Water Fund

	Water Holdover		0.00
	FY15 Capital		24,537.53

24,537.53

Transfer Station

	Supplies		0.00
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0

873,861.61

**Water Enterprise
Income Statement
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015**

Receipts			Budget	Actual	Variance
	Water Charges/Service		1,096,966	1,030,907	(66,059)
	Water Interest		5,000	11,715	6,715
	Sale of Inventory				0
	Waer Acct Charge		77,500	78,651	1,151
	Water Liens to Taxes				0
	Miscellaneous Revenue			1,505	1,505
	Total Water Revenue		1,179,466	1,122,778	(56,688)

Expenses					
	Operational Expenses		809,515	623,830	185,685
	Debt		212,357	211,756	601
	Health Insurance		59,794	59,794	0
	Overhead		97,800	97,800	0
	Total Water Expenses		1,179,466	993,180	186,286

**Sewer Enterprise
Income Statement
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014**

Receipts			Budget	Actual	Variance
	Sewer Charges/Service		1,318,926	1,218,647	(100,279)
	Sewer Interest		4,000	14,825	10,825
	Sewer Acct Charge		67,500	68,175	675
	Sewer Liens to Taxes			6,659	6,659
	Retained Earnings for Expenses				0
	Sale of Inventory			1,399	1,399
	Total Sewer Revenue		1,390,426	1,309,705	(80,721)

Expenses					
	Operational Expenses		862,287	804,778	57,509
	Debt		370,545	365,248	5,297
	Health Insurance		59,794	59,794	0
	Overhead		97,800	97,800	0
	Total Sewer Expenses		1,390,426	1,327,620	62,806

Transfer Station Enterprise
Income Statement
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

Receipts				Budget	Actual	Variance
	Transfer Receipts			339,534	362,774	23,240
	Total Transfer Revenue			339,534	362,774	23,240

Expenses						
	Operational Expenses			307,339	314,918	(7,579)
	Debt			41,050	41,050	0
	Health Insurance			18,455		18,455
	Overhead					0
	Total Transfer Expenses			366,844	355,968	10,876

Special Revenue Fund Grants - Federal Grants

Community Block Grant		N Central Tech Assist Grant	
Beginning Balance	258,984	Beginning Balance	354
Revenues	291,673	Revenues	0
Expenditures	336,329	Expenditures	
Ending Balance	214,328	Ending Balance	354
COPS More Grant		Lake Ellis Dam Grant	
Beginning Balance	5,353	Beginning Balance	31,210
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	
Ending Balance	5,353	Ending Balance	31,210
LLEGD 2004			
Beginning Balance	1,617	Storm Reimbursements	
Revenues	0	Beginning Balance	32,699
Expenditures	0	Revenues	0
Ending Balance	1,617	Expenditures	32,699
		Ending Balance	0
Byrne Youth Employment Grant			
Beginning Balance	1,971	Total Federal Grants	
Revenues	0	Beginning Balance	332,483
Expenditures	0	Revenues	291,714
Ending Balance	1,971	Expenditures	369,364
		Ending Balance	254,833
Library Planning Grant			
Beginning Balance	295		
Revenues	41		
Expenditures	336		
Ending Balance	0		
Sanitary Landfill Grant			
Beginning Balance	0		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	0		

Special Revenue Fund Grants - State Grants

Council on Aging Sprague		MA Forest Stewardship Grant	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	500
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	0	Ending Balance	500
Council on Aging Formula		Fed Bio Terrorism Grant	
Beginning Balance	8,058	Beginning Balance	291
Revenues	19,368	Revenues	0
Expenditures	26,326	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,100	Ending Balance	291
Arts Lottery		Homeland Sec Grant	
Beginning Balance	2,864	Beginning Balance	15
Revenues	6,506	Revenues	0
Expenditures	7,061	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	2,309	Ending Balance	15
Big Yellow School Bus		MCOA Grant	
Beginning Balance	200	Beginning Balance	2,086
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	200	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	0	Ending Balance	2,086
Comm Septic System		Composting Grant	
Beginning Balance	1,405	Beginning Balance	125
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,405	Ending Balance	125
43D Expedite Grant		HomeCorps Comm Rest Grant	
Beginning Balance	6,703	Beginning Balance	139,420
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	139,420
Ending Balance	6,703	Ending Balance	0
Council on Aging Boyton Fund		DARE Grant	
Beginning Balance	1,726	Beginning Balance	4,307
Revenues	3,010	Revenues	0
Expenditures	1,425	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	3,311	Ending Balance	4,307

Police VOWA Grant		Library Grant	
Beginning Balance	293	Beginning Balance	4,991
Revenues	0	Revenues	28,817
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	16,497
Ending Balance	293	Ending Balance	17,311
Violence Provention in Schools		MLBC Construction Lib Exp Grant	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	180,253
Revenues	0	Revenues	160,427
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	213,914
Ending Balance	0	Ending Balance	126,766
Election & Regis Reimb		Fire SAFE Grant	
Beginning Balance	237	Beginning Balance	2,742
Revenues	2,194	Revenues	7,218
Expenditures	727	Expenditures	6,920
Ending Balance	1,704	Ending Balance	3,040
Clean Energy CHC		MassWorks NQ Bus Park	
Beginning Balance	346	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	0	Revenues	1,213,577
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	1,213,577
Ending Balance	346	Ending Balance	0
Health Skin Cancer Grant		Emergency Planning Grant	
Beginning Balance	434	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	0	Revenues	2,790
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	2,649
Ending Balance	434	Ending Balance	141
Pothole Grant		Energy Audit/Rocket Grant	
Beginning Balance	70,500	Beginning Balance	2,179
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	70,500	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	0	Ending Balance	2,179
Health DPW Supplies Grant		Emergency Mgt Planning Grant	
Beginning Balance	1	Beginning Balance	1,014
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	698
Ending Balance	1	Ending Balance	316
Green Energy Grant		SMRP Small Scale Grant Trn St	
Beginning Balance	280	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	62,069	Revenues	750
Expenditures	62,349	Expenditures	750
Ending Balance	0	Ending Balance	0

DOER Library Green Comm Grant		MassDEP RDP Grant Transfer	
Beginning Balance	35,020	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	174,261	Revenues	1,400
Expenditures	186,992	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	22,289	Ending Balance	1,400
Winter Rapid Recovery Rd Program		Fire SHSP/CCP Grant Radios	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	146,587	Revenues	1,068
Expenditures	146,587	Expenditures	1,068
Ending Balance	0	Ending Balance	0
Juvenile Accountability Block Grant		COAging Boynton Grant	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	71,911	Revenues	40,000
Expenditures	71,911	Expenditures	31,933
Ending Balance	0	Ending Balance	8,067
Library PARC Grant		Fire Emergency Mgt Planners Grnt	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	280,700	Revenues	6,683
Expenditures	280,700	Expenditures	6,683
Ending Balance	0	Ending Balance	0
BOH Immunization Disparity Grant		Total State Grants	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	465,990
Revenues	4,500	Revenues	2,233,836
Expenditures	98	Expenditures	2,488,985
Ending Balance	4,402	Ending Balance	210,841

Special Revenue Funds - Other

Council on Aging Special		Library Memorial Book	
Beginning Balance	35,970	Beginning Balance	1,972
Revenues	8,896	Revenues	840
Expenditures	6,165	Expenditures	142
Ending Balance	38,701	Ending Balance	2,670
Council on Aging Parmenter		Mass. Decon Unit Training	
Beginning Balance	150	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	2,200	Revenues	2,000
Expenditures	2,220	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	130	Ending Balance	2,000
Agriculture Comm Donations		Safety Education Fund	
Beginning Balance	1,387	Beginning Balance	322
Revenues	969	Revenues	0
Expenditures	599	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,757	Ending Balance	322
Bunzl Extr/Construct Dynamics		DARE Donation Account	
Beginning Balance	889	Beginning Balance	1,220
Revenues	0	Revenues	106
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	524
Ending Balance	889	Ending Balance	802
Building and Fire Dept Fines		Veterans Park Donations	
Beginning Balance	1,924	Beginning Balance	500
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	208	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,716	Ending Balance	500
Drug Forfeiture		Teen Task Force Donations	
Beginning Balance	3,018	Beginning Balance	2,247
Revenues	12,001	Revenues	0
Expenditures	9,725	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	5,294	Ending Balance	2,247
Parmenter Large Print		Town Hall Flag Pole Donations	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	2,500	Revenues	4,175
Expenditures	2,206	Expenditures	2,489
Ending Balance	294	Ending Balance	1,686

Care of Animals Donations		Memorial Hall Revitalization	
Beginning Balance	4,539	Beginning Balance	4,977
Revenues	20,956	Revenues	301
Expenditures	22,422	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	3,073	Ending Balance	5,278
Shade Tree Comm Donations		Fire Dept Donations	
Beginning Balance	1,358	Beginning Balance	2,631
Revenues	282	Revenues	95
Expenditures	128	Expenditures	1,000
Ending Balance	1,512	Ending Balance	1,726
Holiday Decorations Donations		Friends of Library Donation	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	3,469
Revenues	115	Revenues	0
Expenditures	126	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	(11)	Ending Balance	3,469
ACO Van/Equip Donations		Community Safty Day/Police	
Beginning Balance	1,090	Beginning Balance	525
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,090	Ending Balance	525
Bearsden Donations		Police Donations	
Beginning Balance	150	Beginning Balance	3,051
Revenues	50	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	
Ending Balance	200	Ending Balance	3,051
Silver Lake Lights Donations		Retail Mgt Devel for MarketBasket	
Beginning Balance	1,114	Beginning Balance	15,144
Revenues	500	Revenues	76
Expenditures	500	Expenditures	109
Ending Balance	1,114	Ending Balance	15,111
ACO Facility Donations		Expedited Permitting 43D MarketBasket	
Beginning Balance	190	Beginning Balance	29,795
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	190	Ending Balance	29,795
Recreation Comm Donations		Total Other Funds	
Beginning Balance	13,783	Beginning Balance	131,415
Revenues	0	Revenues	56,062
Expenditures	742	Expenditures	49,305
Ending Balance	13,041	Ending Balance	138,172

Revolving Funds

Ch 535 Insurance Reimbursement	
Beginning Balance	22,809
Revenues	0
Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	22,809
Conservation Fund	
Beginning Balance	6,523
Revenues	620
Expenditures	2,025
Ending Balance	5,118
Total Revolving Funds	
Beginning Balance	29,332
Revenues	620
Expenditures	2,025
Ending Balance	27,927

Receipts Reserved for Appropriation

Equipment Rental	
Beginning Balance	4,292
Revenues	372
Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	
Parking Meter	
Beginning Balance	70,140
Revenues	11,420
Expenditures	15,000
Ending Balance	66,560
Sale of Cemetery Lots	
Beginning Balance	1,190
Revenues	330
Expenditures	500
Ending Balance	1,020
Reserve for Ambulance Expenses	
Beginning Balance	285,563
Revenues	0
Expenditures	220,000
Ending Balance	65,563
Conservation Fund	
Beginning Balance	26,109
Revenues	0
Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	26,109
Sale of Real Estate Proceeds	
Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	150,000
Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	150,000
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Summary	
Beginning Balance	387,294
Revenues	162,122
Expenditures	235,500
Ending Balance	313,916

Agency and Trust

Plumbing Inspector Fees		Septic Revenue	
Beginning Balance	6,402	Beginning Balance	953
Revenues	11,090	Revenues	0
Expenditures	9,255	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	8,237	Ending Balance	953
Gas Inspector Fees		Trench Permitting Account	
Beginning Balance	4,828	Beginning Balance	390
Revenues	2,780	Revenues	0
Expenditures	3,050	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	4,558	Ending Balance	390
Tailings		Compost Bins	
Beginning Balance	7,717	Beginning Balance	980
Revenues	0	Revenues	934
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	860
Ending Balance	7,717	Ending Balance	1,054
Div of Fish and Wildlife		Building Dept Outside Detail	
Beginning Balance	1,839	Beginning Balance	888
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,839	Ending Balance	888
Ch 773 - Police Outside Detail		Conservation Maps	
Beginning Balance	36,969	Beginning Balance	1,313
Revenues	344,854	Revenues	0
Expenditures	371,823	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	10,000	Ending Balance	1,313
Deputy Tax Collector		Health Vaccines	
Beginning Balance	36	Beginning Balance	1,512
Revenues	33,535	Revenues	6,858
Expenditures	33,535	Expenditures	2,676
Ending Balance	36	Ending Balance	5,694
Fire Arm & Licenses		Fire Dept Outside Details	
Beginning Balance	2,888	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	15,994	Revenues	25,526
Expenditures	11,338	Expenditures	25,526
Ending Balance	7,544	Ending Balance	0

Recreation Fees			
Beginning Balance	4,500		
Revenues	11,577		
Expenditures	2,191		
Ending Balance	13,886		
Canal St Rental Property			
Beginning Balance	8,178		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	8,178		
Agency and Trust			
Beginning Balance	210		
Revenues	220,615		
Expenditures	220,776		
Ending Balance	49		
Agency and Trust Summary			
Beginning Balance	79,603		
Revenues	673,763		
Expenditures	681,030		
Ending Balance	72,336		

**Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Revenue and Expenditures**

Spaight Street School		Craignin Downing	
Beginning Balance	1,000	Beginning Balance	6,700
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,000	Ending Balance	6,700
Charles Cooke School		Richard B Ellis Memorial	
Beginning Balance	3,000	Beginning Balance	1,002
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	3,000	Ending Balance	1,002
Gertrude M Hale Scholarship		Barbara Dexter	
Beginning Balance	102,620	Beginning Balance	500
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	102,620	Ending Balance	500
Lyman Ward School		Dr. Talcott Memorial	
Beginning Balance	1,000	Beginning Balance	565
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,000	Ending Balance	565
Edwin C Hale Library		Martha Talcott Memorial	
Beginning Balance	102,221	Beginning Balance	4,375
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	102,221	Ending Balance	4,375
Kate Fay Library		Russell Field Library	
Beginning Balance	26,000	Beginning Balance	1,000
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	26,000	Ending Balance	1,000
Fay Johnstone Library		Talcott Historical	
Beginning Balance	500	Beginning Balance	153
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	500	Ending Balance	153

Adele Parmenter		Waterman Flower	
Beginning Balance	500	Beginning Balance	300
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	500	Ending Balance	300
Millers River Translator		Wilder Cemetery Flower	
Beginning Balance	226	Beginning Balance	300
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	226	Ending Balance	300
Gladys Green Library		White Taylor Boland Flower	
Beginning Balance	225	Beginning Balance	150
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	225	Ending Balance	150
Herbert L Bartlet Library		Kate Fay Flower	
Beginning Balance	1,000	Beginning Balance	400
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,000	Ending Balance	400
Helen Aiken Library		Allen Warrell Flower	
Beginning Balance	33	Beginning Balance	500
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	33	Ending Balance	500
A Harding Library		Charles Everett Flower	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	500
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	500
Marion Crane Flower		HC Morse Flower	
Beginning Balance	500	Beginning Balance	300
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	500	Ending Balance	300
Morse Davidson Flower		Marie/Virginia Phillips Flower	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	300
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	300

Carrie/Flora Hale Flower		G/R Sprague Charity Fund	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	3,000
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	3,000
Winnie Burnham Flower		Cemetery General Fund	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	555,268
Revenues	0	Revenues	6,820
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	562,088
Albert Drury Flower		Coffin Fund	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	300
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	300
Wiley Flower		Gamon Flower Fund	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	500
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	500
Elizabeth Cropper Flower		Melvina Lukus Library	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	4,684
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	4,684
Marjorie Hill Flower		Ruby Cook Library Trust Fund	
Beginning Balance	500	Beginning Balance	32,220
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	500	Ending Balance	32,220
Nellie Byron Fountain		McGuirk Floer Fund	
Beginning Balance	4,452	Beginning Balance	300
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	4,452	Ending Balance	300
Cemetery Tomb Fund		Johnson Library Trust	
Beginning Balance	2,000	Beginning Balance	960
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	2,000	Ending Balance	960

MaGranis/Davenport Trust			
Beginning Balance	10,000	Ben & Margaret Feldman	
Revenues	0	Beginning Balance	325
Expenditures	0	Revenues	0
Ending Balance	10,000	Expenditures	0
		Ending Balance	325
Lillian Plotkin Scholarship Fund			
Beginning Balance	10,000	OPEB Liability Trust	
Revenues	0	Beginning Balance	0
Expenditures	0	Revenues	10,000
Ending Balance	10,000	Expenditures	0
		Ending Balance	10,000
Amelia Gibson Library Trust			
Beginning Balance	78,261		
Revenues	0	Non-Expendable Trust Summary	
Expenditures	0	Beginning Balance	1,538,922
Ending Balance	78,261	Revenues	19,446
		Expenditures	0
Nye Library Trust		Ending Balance	1,558,368
Beginning Balance	2,000		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	2,000		
Frawley Flower			
Beginning Balance	300		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	300		
Thomas Flower			
Beginning Balance	325		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	325		
H and C Brouillet Library Trust			
Beginning Balance	5,000		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	5,000		
C Brouillet Apprenticeship			
Beginning Balance	570,557		
Revenues	2,626		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	573,183		

**Expendable Trust Funds
Revenue and Expenditures**

Spaight Street School		Craignin Downing	
Beginning Balance	390	Beginning Balance	1,050
Revenues	9	Revenues	48
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	399	Ending Balance	1,098
Charles Cooke School		Richard B Ellis Memorial	
Beginning Balance	455	Beginning Balance	346
Revenues	21	Revenues	8
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	476	Ending Balance	354
Gertrude M Hale Scholarship		Barbara Dexter	
Beginning Balance	33	Beginning Balance	988
Revenues	642	Revenues	9
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	675	Ending Balance	997
Lyman Ward School		Dr. Talcott Memorial	
Beginning Balance	3,635	Beginning Balance	753
Revenues	29	Revenues	8
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	3,664	Ending Balance	761
Edwin C Hale Library		Martha Talcott Memorial	
Beginning Balance	8,338	Beginning Balance	1,313
Revenues	691	Revenues	35
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	9,029	Ending Balance	1,348
Kate Fay Library		Russell Field Library	
Beginning Balance	5,353	Beginning Balance	743
Revenues	196	Revenues	11
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	5,549	Ending Balance	754
Fay Johnstone Library		Talcott Historical	
Beginning Balance	1,070	Beginning Balance	1,158
Revenues	10	Revenues	8
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,080	Ending Balance	1,166

Adele Parmenter		Waterman Flower	
Beginning Balance	787	Beginning Balance	1,070
Revenues	8	Revenues	9
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	23
Ending Balance	795	Ending Balance	1,056
Millers River Translator		Wilder Cemetery Flower	
Beginning Balance	1,664	Beginning Balance	610
Revenues	12	Revenues	6
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	23
Ending Balance	1,676	Ending Balance	593
Gladys Green Library		White Taylor Boland Flower	
Beginning Balance	2,023	Beginning Balance	374
Revenues	14	Revenues	3
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	11
Ending Balance	2,037	Ending Balance	366
Herbert L Bartlet Library		Kate Fay Flower	
Beginning Balance	2,519	Beginning Balance	1,045
Revenues	22	Revenues	9
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	42
Ending Balance	2,541	Ending Balance	1,012
Helen Aiken Library		Allen Warrell Flower	
Beginning Balance	479	Beginning Balance	1,375
Revenues	3	Revenues	11
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	23
Ending Balance	482	Ending Balance	1,363
A Harding Library		Charles Everett Flower	
Beginning Balance	2,663	Beginning Balance	2,169
Revenues	19	Revenues	16
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	23
Ending Balance	2,682	Ending Balance	2,162
Marion Crane Flower		HC Morse Flower	
Beginning Balance	1,516	Beginning Balance	459
Revenues	12	Revenues	5
Expenditures	23	Expenditures	23
Ending Balance	1,505	Ending Balance	441
Morse Davidson Flower		Marie/Virginia Phillips Flower	
Beginning Balance	840	Beginning Balance	670
Revenues	7	Revenues	6
Expenditures	23	Expenditures	23
Ending Balance	824	Ending Balance	653

Carrie/Flora Hale Flower		G/R Sprague Charity Fund	
Beginning Balance	419	Beginning Balance	31,863
Revenues	5	Revenues	218
Expenditures	23	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	401	Ending Balance	32,081
Winnie Burnham Flower		Cemetery General Fund	
Beginning Balance	469	Beginning Balance	95,806
Revenues	5	Revenues	4,053
Expenditures	23	Expenditures	36,638
Ending Balance	451	Ending Balance	63,221
Albert Drury Flower		Coffin Fund	
Beginning Balance	306	Beginning Balance	119
Revenues	4	Revenues	3
Expenditures	11	Expenditures	11
Ending Balance	299	Ending Balance	111
Willey Flower		Gamon Flower Fund	
Beginning Balance	146	Beginning Balance	370
Revenues	2	Revenues	5
Expenditures	11	Expenditures	11
Ending Balance	137	Ending Balance	364
Elizabeth Cropper Flower		Melvina Lukus Library	
Beginning Balance	119	Beginning Balance	850
Revenues	3	Revenues	34
Expenditures	11	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	111	Ending Balance	884
Marjorie Hill Flower		Ruby Cook Library Trust Fund	
Beginning Balance	224	Beginning Balance	3,990
Revenues	4	Revenues	226
Expenditures	23	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	205	Ending Balance	4,216
Nellie Byron Fountain		McGuirk Flower Fund	
Beginning Balance	20,868	Beginning Balance	261
Revenues	159	Revenues	3
Expenditures	511	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	20,516	Ending Balance	264
Cemetery Tomb Fund		Johnson Library Trust	
Beginning Balance	28,956	Beginning Balance	586
Revenues	194	Revenues	10
Expenditures	46	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	29,104	Ending Balance	596

MaGranis/Davenport Trust		Library Book Fund	
Beginning Balance	1,224	Beginning Balance	155
Revenues	71	Revenues	1
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,295	Ending Balance	156
Lillian Plotkin Scholarship Fund		Stabilization	
Beginning Balance	197	Beginning Balance	659,346
Revenues	64	Revenues	111,713
Expenditures	500	Expenditures	20,000
Ending Balance	(239)	Ending Balance	751,059
Amelia Gibson Library Trust		Conservation Fund	
Beginning Balance	8,944	Beginning Balance	1,966
Revenues	545	Revenues	12
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	9,489	Ending Balance	1,978
Nye Library Trust		Davenport Trust	
Beginning Balance	979	Beginning Balance	2,095
Revenues	19	Revenues	13
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	998	Ending Balance	2,108
Frawley Flower		Lake Park Fund	
Beginning Balance	108	Beginning Balance	11,767
Revenues	3	Revenues	74
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	111	Ending Balance	11,841
Thomas Flower		Charles Starrett	
Beginning Balance	(4)	Beginning Balance	17,428
Revenues	2	Revenues	109
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	(2)	Ending Balance	17,537
H and C Brouillet Library Trust		Library Capital Improvement	
Beginning Balance	1,357	Beginning Balance	2,110
Revenues	40	Revenues	14
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,397	Ending Balance	2,124
C Brouillet Apprenticeship		Bassett Trust for Fire	
Beginning Balance	17,823	Beginning Balance	58,249
Revenues	3,708	Revenues	368
Expenditures	10,758	Expenditures	10,631
Ending Balance	10,773	Ending Balance	47,986

Bassett Trust for Police		Ben & Margaret Feldman	
Beginning Balance	27,895	Beginning Balance	(1)
Revenues	19,901	Revenues	2
Expenditures	47,776	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	20	Ending Balance	1
Insurance Stabilization Fund		M G Foster Mann Library Fund	
Beginning Balance	24,861	Beginning Balance	5000
Revenues	155	Revenues	24
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	25,016	Ending Balance	5024
DM Goldsher Friends of Library		Non-Expendable Trust Summary	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	1,072,739
Revenues	5,100	Revenues	148,751
Expenditures	364	Expenditures	127,585
Ending Balance	4,736	Ending Balance	1,093,905

ATHOL BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Annual Report

2014-2015

The new FY2015 values were based on figures as approved by the DOR. Real Estate sales show property values in all areas and types of properties across town stayed the same as last year. The next triennial revaluation will be for FY2017 and will be conducted by the Firm of Vision Government Solutions Inc. With the completion of the Library, 2nd of a 5 year payment schedule and various other town projects above the 2 ½ restrictions, the tax rate increased significantly. Members of the Board are Kenneth Vaidulas, Chairman, Heather Brissette and Lisa Aldrich, Principal Assessor (Full Time) and Jean Robinson, Asst. Assessor.

ASSESSING STATISTICS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015:

Total Amt to be raised \$21,362,168.17

Est. Receipts/Revenues \$09,520,132.99

Tax Levy \$11,842,035.18

Tax Rate \$ 19.03

There were 204 exemptions granted in the tax amount of \$99,704.21 Of this amount was \$66,104.21 given out for qualifying veterans and their wives and \$929.15 were deferred. The town has set up funds for both the Transfer Station and Water/Sewer Dept.'s that help to offset expenses for both.

The Board of Assessors committed during FY2015 \$11,389,926.42 in Real Estate; \$452,111.20 in Personal Property; \$1,132,147.88 in Excise; \$9778.26 in Title V Betterments; \$12,008.57 for Omitted (Athol Housing/Pequoig House); \$7,305 in W.S. Liens and \$1,733.93 for P.I.L.O.T. (Auction of Town Owned Properties). The Board granted \$237.21 in Personal Property Abatements and \$17,244.99 in Real Estate Abatements.

A total of \$12,727.59 was given out to those qualified (20) for the Senior Work-Off

Program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth A Vaidulas, Chairman

Lisa M Aldrich

Heather Brissette

Jean W Robinson, Asst. Assessor

**REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER
FOR THE PERIOD
JULY 1, 2014 - JUNE 30, 2015**

RECEIPTS:

Cash on Hand July 1, 2014	\$	7,809,655.86	
Tax Collector Receipts	\$	15,241,538.12	
Other Receipts	\$	19,574,278.19	
			\$ 42,625,472.17

DISBURSEMENTS:

Payment per weekly warrant issued by the Town Accountant and Selectmen	\$	35,548,030.71	
Cash on Hand June 30, 2015	\$	7,077,441.46	

TRUST FUND BALANCE: \$ 2,699,322.86

** Warrants include Transfers from Trust Funds \$61,567.61

Last Name	First Name	Curr Gross	Department
FORAND	CAROL	42469.11	TOWN CLERK
WATSON	NANCY E	73738.83	TOWN CLERK
HORRIGAN	HUGH	408.00	ELECTION
BALDWIN	EARLE	1125.00	HEALTH
HAMLETT	JOAN	1350.00	HEALTH
KARAN	DEBORAH	56067.48	HEALTH
PURPLE	NORMA	1125.00	HEALTH
ADAMS	WILLIAM	8787.92	LIBRARY
BLANCHARD	DEBRA A	77064.33	LIBRARY
BRZOZOWSKI	ROBIN	9530.40	LIBRARY
BUCK	BRENDA	764.00	LIBRARY
CUTLER-RUSSO	ANNE	36855.39	LIBRARY
FISK	CAROL	6116.00	LIBRARY
GAGNE	RHEBA	6440.00	LIBRARY
LEHMANN	MARIE	39393.77	LIBRARY
MATTHEWS	KELSEY	24742.72	LIBRARY
MCNIFF	KAREN	37098.06	LIBRARY
PROUTY	SHARMAN	384.00	LIBRARY
SHAUGHNESSY	JEAN E	42419.91	LIBRARY
SHTULMAN	ROBIN	43746.15	LIBRARY
TOMLINSON	SEAN	2372.00	LIBRARY
ARSENAULT	JENNIFER	44572.67	DISPATCHER
CUMMINGS JR	JOSEPH	7800.22	DISPATCHER
DAVIS	PATRICE	23283.68	DISPATCHER
GAMBRELL	SARAH	42654.29	DISPATCHER
ISAKSON	BECKY	50857.97	DISPATCHER
LONG	MARIE	4355.12	DISPATCHER
MACMILLAN	LISA	46447.33	DISPATCHER
MARONI	DAWN	3122.61	DISPATCHER
PURPLE	NORMAN	2040.00	DISPATCHER
RUSSELL	PATRICIA	9223.95	DISPATCHER
MCLAUGHLIN	LAWRENCE	194.00	MODERATOR
TAYLOR	ANN	1000.00	ZONING/PLANNING
BRIGHENTI	ANTHONY	1462.50	SELECTMEN
BRISSETTE	HEATHER	51690.38	SELECTMEN
CHAUVETTE	LEE	1496.88	SELECTMEN
DODGE	ALAN	1462.50	SELECTMEN
GROSKY	MITCHELL	308.89	SELECTMEN
RAYMOND	STEPHEN	1590.14	SELECTMEN
SUHOSKI	SHAUN	100747.86	SELECTMEN
BUGLIONE	ANDREA	60745.22	COMMUNITY DEVELOPN
MURPHY	MARYANN	21928.05	COMMUNITY DEVELOPN
BRISTOL	EILEEN	69478.12	TAX COLLECTOR
JOWDER	BRIDGET	35851.89	TAX COLLECTOR
SARGENT	SUSAN	35851.89	TAX COLLECTOR
ALDRICH	LISA	56588.64	ASSESSORS
ROBINSON	JEAN W.	41767.29	ASSESSORS
VAIDULAS	KENNETH	1652.04	ASSESSORS
GREENE	JOHN R	7075.00	WEIGHTS & MEASURES
MCGUIRK	NEIL	38365.60	VETERANS SERVICES
FISHER	KALA	45017.51	ACCOUNTANT
MAILLOUX	CHRISTINE E	67178.12	ACCOUNTANT
KIMBALL	DENNIS	43121.64	TOWN HALL
GALE	BRIAN	500.00	BUILDING DEPT
JOLY	DANIEL	11890.00	BUILDING DEPT
SKOWYRA	BRIANNA	64571.94	BUILDING DEPT
YOUNG	BECKY	38689.95	BUILDING DEPT
ADAMS	LARRY	55528.87	DPW-SUPT.
BASS	VERNON	62077.00	DPW-SUPT.
BELLOLI	ANDREW	57710.37	DPW-SUPT.
CAREY	JASON	50586.10	DPW-SUPT.
CARR	DAVID	63935.05	DPW-SUPT.
COOLEY	DIANA L.	45814.70	DPW-SUPT.
COSTA	ROBERT N	67503.11	DPW-SUPT.
CRAVEN	DAVID	59089.75	DPW-SUPT.

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Curr Gross</u>	<u>Department</u>
CROTEAU	MARIE	29208.10	DPW-SUPT.
HERSH	WILLIAM	3351.26	DPW-SUPT.
HUGHES	ROBERT	4085.46	DPW-SUPT.
HUGHES	ROBERT L.	67013.13	DPW-SUPT.
KEDDY	PAUL	44999.83	DPW-SUPT.
KEDDY JR.	ALAN	52537.03	DPW-SUPT.
KNECHTEL	TRAVIS	65272.39	DPW-SUPT.
LEBLANC	GARY	69335.05	DPW-SUPT.
LICHTENBERGER	JASON	52855.34	DPW-SUPT.
MUSHNICK	REBECCA	10962.00	DPW-SUPT.
PEIRCE	HERBERT	63174.35	DPW-SUPT.
ROY	ROBERT	68331.36	DPW-SUPT.
SEXTON	ROBERT	66758.14	DPW-SUPT.
SUPERCHI	DANIEL	62663.65	DPW-SUPT.
TESSIER	ANDREW	88686.47	DPW-SUPT.
TRUEHART	DUANE	74196.02	DPW-SUPT.
TURNER	THOMAS	59496.15	DPW-SUPT.
WALSH	DOUGLAS	90600.21	DPW-SUPT.
AUCOIN	RICHARD	81945.99	OUTSIDE DETAIL
BARTUS	JOHN	18143.50	OUTSIDE DETAIL
BISCEGLIA	CHRISTOPHER	1886.00	OUTSIDE DETAIL
BOUCHARD	JAMES S	7089.75	OUTSIDE DETAIL
BRITT	ERNEST J	5652.88	OUTSIDE DETAIL
CASELLA	CHRISTOPHER	103087.94	OUTSIDE DETAIL
CHAPMAN	WILLIAM	1148.00	OUTSIDE DETAIL
COLE	JONATHAN	3354.50	OUTSIDE DETAIL
DION	LAURINDA	2263.12	OUTSIDE DETAIL
DODGE	KEVIN	328.00	OUTSIDE DETAIL
DUPLESSIS	DREW	2174.00	OUTSIDE DETAIL
FRIEND	TIMOTHY	2362.75	OUTSIDE DETAIL
HAGER	KENT A	85020.43	OUTSIDE DETAIL
HORNE	RANDY	2980.25	OUTSIDE DETAIL
JACKSON JR.	RAYMOND	8224.63	OUTSIDE DETAIL
LADÉAU	MICHAEL	1291.50	OUTSIDE DETAIL
LAPORTE	MICHAEL	164.00	OUTSIDE DETAIL
LEGARE	ROBERT	420.25	OUTSIDE DETAIL
LESLIE	MICHAEL	272.88	OUTSIDE DETAIL
MARTIN	RICHARD	17394.50	OUTSIDE DETAIL
MCDONALD	SHAUN	430.50	OUTSIDE DETAIL
MELENDEZ	MICHAEL	1643.00	OUTSIDE DETAIL
POLLARD	JAMES	42347.50	OUTSIDE DETAIL
PRATT	RONALD	4579.50	OUTSIDE DETAIL
ROBINSON	DONALD	840.50	OUTSIDE DETAIL
ROSENGREN	BRIAN	164.00	OUTSIDE DETAIL
SHOEMAKER	DAVID	328.00	OUTSIDE DETAIL
SMITH	ERIC	6164.70	OUTSIDE DETAIL
VALCOURT	RICHARD	1530.25	OUTSIDE DETAIL
WRIGHT	TIMOTHY	4957.00	OUTSIDE DETAIL
ANDERSON	TIMOTHY	108275.58	POLICE
BROWN	COREY	66681.99	POLICE
BUCK	PETER J	61674.81	POLICE
CHAUVETTE	COREY	10628.88	POLICE
COTE	RONNY R	90468.55	POLICE
CUMMINGS	THOMAS	58660.28	POLICE
DEVENEAU	CRAIG	77783.98	POLICE
DUBRULE	SCOTT A	95258.23	POLICE
FORTES	GREGORY	106374.42	POLICE
HAGER	DONALD	15428.46	POLICE
HEATH	KEVIN	107558.09	POLICE
KACZMARCZYK	DOUGLAS	78867.61	POLICE
MOUSSEAU	JARRET	82045.53	POLICE
NEALE	TODD W.	62642.59	POLICE
OLARI	ALBERT	82147.10	POLICE
PARAS	DANIEL	69975.17	POLICE
STANGE	RANDAL	71442.33	POLICE

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BERGQUIST	ELIZABETH	7678.08	FIRE-REG
DISALLE	DANIEL	78588.78	FIRE-REG
DUBRULE JR.	BRUCE	79424.27	FIRE-REG
DUGUAY SR	JOHN L	84848.84	FIRE-REG
ERALI	CHAD	92909.23	FIRE-REG
FERGUSON	JAMES	97021.61	FIRE-REG
GIRARD	CHAD	56571.52	FIRE-REG
HAMILTON	JAMAL	60810.09	FIRE-REG
HORRIGAN	KEVIN S	92622.36	FIRE-REG
JACK	ERIC R	116885.59	FIRE-REG
KACZMARCZYK	KEVIN	82180.87	FIRE-REG
LACKI	LESTER	62919.20	FIRE-REG
LANDRY JR	PAUL	75469.27	FIRE-REG
MITCHELL	ADAM	24998.96	FIRE-REG
PARKER	JEFFREY	79282.35	FIRE-REG
SANDOVA	DANA	54035.00	FIRE-REG
SHEPARDSON JR	ARTHUR C	61828.47	FIRE-REG
SOLTYSIK	ANDREW	109183.40	FIRE-REG
ADAMS	DAVID	1558.54	FIRE CALL
BOUCHER	BRIAN	2142.00	FIRE CALL
BOURQUE	TREVOR	27.00	FIRE CALL
BRAILEY	TRAVIS	965.97	FIRE CALL
GRIFFITH	TIMOTHY	993.70	FIRE CALL
JOHNSON	RYAN	717.00	FIRE CALL
KIMBALL	GREGGORY	1516.18	FIRE CALL
WINTERS	BRUCE	1689.60	FIRE CALL
GALE	JOHN	8668.00	COUNCIL ON AGING
SAVOY	CATHY	45718.34	COUNCIL ON AGING
TARARA	SALLY	2220.00	COUNCIL ON AGING
THAYER	JUDITH	12877.48	COUNCIL ON AGING
BACON	ELWIN	1900.00	CONSERVATION
MUZZY	CATHY	1400.00	CONSERVATION
TERROY	GARY	26280.52	WIRE INSPECTOR
CROSBY	CARRIE	1728.00	LIFEGUARD
DOIRON-LARUE	ETHAN	2977.00	LIFEGUARD
DOIRON-LARUE	WYATT	2987.75	LIFEGUARD
GUYER	DANA	1768.94	LIFEGUARD
IOZZO	COTY	2402.82	LIFEGUARD
KING	BENJAMIN	5000.00	LIFEGUARD
MARSHALL	SAMANTHA	1982.50	LIFEGUARD
POSK	JAMIE	2338.38	LIFEGUARD
TRUESDELL	LEAH	1313.44	LIFEGUARD
AMBROZY	CAROL	750.00	SENIOR TAX ABATEMEN
ANDREWS	MADELINE	750.00	SENIOR TAX ABATEMEN
BOWERS	KENNETH	750.00	SENIOR TAX ABATEMEN
CYGAN	MICHAEL	550.00	SENIOR TAX ABATEMEN
FORAND	JEANNE	750.00	SENIOR TAX ABATEMEN
FOWLER	BRUCE	750.00	SENIOR TAX ABATEMEN
GOYETCHE	PAUL	750.00	SENIOR TAX ABATEMEN
HEBERT	PETER	750.00	SENIOR TAX ABATEMEN
HERK	ARTHUR	750.00	SENIOR TAX ABATEMEN
HUNTER	ROBERT	750.00	SENIOR TAX ABATEMEN
LOZIER	GERARD	408.00	SENIOR TAX ABATEMEN
MCGUIRK	BETTY	748.00	SENIOR TAX ABATEMEN
ROIX	GEORGE	484.00	SENIOR TAX ABATEMEN
WATTS	ROGER	750.00	SENIOR TAX ABATEMEN
WHITE	JEAN	750.00	SENIOR TAX ABATEMEN
BYARS	BIANCA	966.64	ELECTION
CROSSMAN JR.	LEONARD	2882.89	ELECTION
DICKIE	GORDON J	1200.00	ELECTION
FELDMAN	BEN	750.00	ELECTION
FLEMATTI	ANTHONY	71284.04	ELECTION
GERARDI	JASON	542.00	ELECTION
GOHEEN	ANDREW	383.79	ELECTION
GORE	KYRA	7361.29	ELECTION

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KILHART	KRYSTAL	5240.00	ELECTION
LOZIER	THOMAS V.	107500.68	ELECTION
MAILLOUX SR	ALBERT	5763.00	ELECTION
MONDI-SYKES	SUSAN	3442.71	ELECTION
MURPHY	MICHAEL	52.30	ELECTION
NELSON	NICHOLAS	1024.00	ELECTION
POOR	ANDREW	2418.00	ELECTION
PRICE	CLAIRE	750.00	ELECTION
REILLY	KIRT	10668.88	ELECTION
ROBERTSON	JONATAN	415.00	ELECTION
SAWIN	CHRISTINE	32905.65	ELECTION
SKINNER	SAMANTHA	7836.00	ELECTION
SPOONER	KEVIN	2140.00	ELECTION
WHEELER	THOMAS	20446.11	ELECTION
WIITA	LAURIE	39385.59	ELECTION
BARRETT	LOGAN	675.75	RECREATION
CARRASQUILLO	MICHELLE	973.25	RECREATION
CARRASQUILLO	TATYANA	588.00	RECREATION
CLEVELAND	MOLLY	820.00	RECREATION
FINDLAY	MICHAEL	1238.13	RECREATION
HAMLETT	ALEXIS	928.00	RECREATION
JOBST	EVAN	2100.00	RECREATION
JOBST	JEFFREY	4700.00	RECREATION
MCGRATH	HALEY	964.00	RECREATION
ROBIDEAU	KAYLA	560.00	RECREATION
ROUSSEL	SHELBY	540.00	RECREATION
SHAUGHNESSY	MEGAN	2100.00	RECREATION
WHITE	RYAN	572.00	RECREATION

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CHAPTER THREE PUBLIC SAFETY

Reports of the Fire, EMS,
Police & Inspectional Services



**ATHOL FIRE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015**



To: The Honorable Board of Selectpersons and the Citizens of Athol

Once again the Athol Fire Department has had a very busy year. Medical responses again as in years past were the major workload for members of the department. The 20th anniversary of the Athol Fire Ambulance operations is fast approaching. There have been many changes over the years in patient care and that has come with a price. With that said, the Fire Department is still operating with a budget as in the 1990's factoring in ambulance revenues.

On February 2, 2015 Fire Chief Thomas Lozier retired after 30 plus years of dedicated service to the Town of Athol. A well deserved retirement party was held in his honor in the month of May with well over 200 people in attendance. The members of the Athol Fire Department wish him and his wife a long and healthy retirement.

In March of the same year John Duguay who was Deputy Fire Chief at the time was appointed to the position Fire Chief by Town Manager Shaun Suhoski. At this time I would like to thank Shaun for giving me the opportunity to reach every firefighters dream of making it to the rank of Chief. I have and will continue to do my very best to keep the members of this community safe as well as all the members of the Fire Department who work along side of me.

In April of the same year as well, Jeffrey Parker was appointed to the position of Deputy Fire Chief. Previously he was assigned to shift 4 as the duty Captain. Deputy Parker has 20 years of service with the Town of Athol and am looking forward to working with him as we move forward.

In January a new Firefighter/EMT was hired through a lateral transfer from Greenfield Fire Department, his name is Adam Mitchell.

Also Firefighter/Paramedic Chad Erali was appointed to the position of Provisional Captain.

In November of 2014 Elizabeth Berquist was hired to fill the part time position of Administrative Assistant. Liz is a very energetic individual and is doing an outstanding job and has proven to be an enormous asset to the department.

As mentioned, you can see there have been many personnel changes in a short period of time and I have to say things have been going quite well to date.

One of the biggest challenges for the Fire Department is the Civil Service process. It is extremely difficult to appoint new hires or to make any promotions all the while costing the Town of Athol thousands of dollars along the way. The Town of Athol does not benefit from this process at all.

I am pleased to inform you the Athol Fire Department received \$4423.00 for Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E) and \$2795.00 for Senior Safe. Twenty years ago, the fire service advocated to the legislature for the creation of the S.A.F.E program. Since that time the average annual child fire deaths have been reduced by 72%. Last year, the S.A.F.E. program was expanded to offer funds to local communities in support of senior fire prevention training. Seniors are the most vulnerable of populations at risk of fire related deaths. It is our hope that with this opportunity we can recreate the success with our older population that we have had with children. I would like to thank Firefighter Jamal Hamilton who is our S.A.F.E and Senior Safe Educator for doing an outstanding job applying for and closing out these much needed grants as well as working with the children and seniors in our community. I would also like to thank the members of the fire department for assisting in this endeavor.

Last winter proved to be a challenging year with storm after storm and the need to keep all of the towns fire hydrants clear. This could not have been done without the assistance of the Massachusetts Army National Guard who sent us four outstanding individuals with equipment and vehicles. The Town of Petersham offered help as well and sent two members of the Petersham Fire Department to assist. I would like to thank these two agencies for their much needed assistance through this difficult time as well as all the citizens who took responsibility for clearing fire hydrants near their homes.

Through an Emergency Management Performance Grant the Athol Fire Department was able to secure enough grant money to replace all the existing interior lighting with new LED technology bulbs which will be a significant savings for the town.

FIRE VEHICLE STATISTICS

Vehicle	Make	Year	Mileage
Engine 1	Maxim	1976	38324
Comment:	Reserve Pumper	Not front line apparatus	
Engine 2	Central	2006	6107
Comment:	Excellent Condition		

Engine 3 Comment:	Central Body Deteriorating	1998	33789
Engine 4 Comment:	KME Excellent Condition	2012	11761
Ladder 1 Comment:	E-One Excellent Condition	2006	8042
Brush 2 Comment:	Farrah Poor Condition	1970	10781
Command Comment:	Ford Excellent Condition	2011	27592
R-2 Utility Comment:	Ford Good Condition	2005	67314
R-3 Utility Comment:	Ford Fair Condition	2002	91629
Fire Alarm Comment:	Ford Fair Condition	1980	19071
Ambulance 1 Comments:	Ford Out of Service	2003	
Ambulance 2 Comment:	Ford Fair Condition. Mechanical Issues	2008	142201
Ambulance 3 Comment:	Ford Good Condition	2010	78325

FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

Fire Calls	915
Medical Calls	1609
Smoke Detector Inspections	172
Oil Burner Inspections	60
Oil Tank Inspections	17
Propane Tank Inspections	40

Oil Tank Removals	8
Fire Reports	21
Fuel Dispensers	12
General Permits	17
School Inspections	20
School Fire Drills	20
Nursing Home Inspections	4
Assisted Living Inspections	4
Clinic Inspections	4
Hospital Inspections	4
Hospital Fire Drills	4
Class II License Inspections	7
Multi-Unit Apartment Inspections	53
Alcohol License Renewals	10
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Total Calls for Service	3001

There were 451 open burning permits issued for the 2015 burning season.

The Athol Fire Department wishes to thank the Town Manager, Board of Selectpersons, all Department Heads and staff for all their assistance throughout the year. Most importantly the citizens of the Town of Athol for all their support .



Athol Police Department

Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Report

The staff at the police department is dedicated to our mission of preventing and reducing crime in the community, and providing the services that increase the quality of life for all of Athol's residence.

As this is the last annual report that I will be submitting as your Chief of Police, I would like to thank each and every member of the Athol Police Department for all their efforts and support that they have provided to me over the years. Each member of the department should be commended for the dedication and devotion to duty that they have shown throughout these past difficult years. Their performance during these trying times has been exceptional. I see great potential, not only for the Town as a whole, but for the police department specifically.

I would also like to thank all of the other town department, committees, officers, agents, and elected officials for there continue support of my efforts as Chief of Police, as well as the efforts of all the members of the police department.

Finally, I would like to thank the residents and taxpayers of the Town of Athol for their continued support of the police department.

Sincerely,

Timothy C. Anderson
Chief of Police

Calls for Service

Total Calls for Service **12,362**

Crime Statistics FY 2015

Total Offenses Reported	1368
Criminal Homicide	0
Manslaughter	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	0
Rape	4

Robbery	3
Aggravated Assault	48
Simple Assault	75
Intimidation	14
Arson	0
Burglary / B&E	116
Larceny – Theft (no vehicles)	113
Shoplifting	25
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	4
Counterfeiting/Forgery	13
Fraud	2
Vandalism	98
Drug/Narcotics Violation	16
Weapons Law Violation	8
Disorderly Conduct	14
OUI	20
Liquor Law Violation	1
Town Bylaw Violation	206
All Other Violations	588

Total Arrests **177**

Juvenile Arrests 5

Persons Summoned to Court **246**

Persons Held in Protective Custody **30**

Traffic Statistics

FY 2015

M/V Citations **313**

Civil	59
Warning	165
Arrest	33
Criminal	56

Parking Tickets **346**

M/V Accidents **438**

Over \$1000	216
Under \$1000	222

Annual Report of
Athol Animal Control

July 2014 – June 2015

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen
Calls to Animal Control Facility

Athol – 1315

Orange -390

Royalston – 90

Animals Picked up

Athol - 200

Returned to owner – 50

Euthanized- 8

Adopted – 47

Died - 2

Transferred – 78

Orange - 57

Returned to owner – 18

Euthanized- 3

Adopted – 5

Died - 1

Transferred – 30

Royalston – 45

Returned to owner – 13

Euthanized- 0

Adopted – 4

Died - 0

Transferred – 28

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer Arsenault



Public Health
Prevent, Promote, Protect

Athol Board of Health; FY 2015 Annual Report

To: The Honorable Board of Selectman and the Citizens of Athol

A wide range of responsibilities are mandated under state law and regulation to protect the health and safety of the community each and every day.

- ❖ *Protection of the food supply:* Our office conducted seventy three (73) inspections to ensure public food safety at restaurants, school cafeterias, church kitchens, farmer's market and food concession stands. The Board issued permits to sixty nine (69) food service , residential kitchens and food retail operations,
- ❖ *Protection of the water supply:* Enforcement of the Title 5 Septic Code: The health agent reviewed thirty (30) Title 5 reports , observed eleven(11) perc tests, reviewed and issued fourteen (14) Disposal Septic Construction Permits, and conducted thirty-five (35) septic system inspections. The office obtained funding from MA Department of Environmental Protection to provide low-interest loans to residents with failed septic systems. The Board issued permits to ten (10) septic system installers, ten (10) septage haulers and issued eight (8) well permits. The office issued eight (8) beaver removal permits and applied for a MA Fisheries and Wildlife permit to addle Canadian Geese eggs; measures to reduce nuisance wildlife posing health threats to Athol's open water.
- ❖ *Enforcement of state sanitary and lead poisoning regulations and Codes:* Fifty-eight (58) trash complaints and two (2) incidents of illegal dumping were investigated. The office conducted twenty-one (21) pre-rental housing, two (2) routine lodging inspections, thirty-nine (39) sanitary code inspections for housing complaints and thirty-three (33) follow-ups to ensure compliance. The Health Agent is a member of the Vacant and Abandoned Building Committee and works closely with the Attorney General's Receivership program to help mitigate the impact of foreclosures and combat its negative impact on neighborhoods. There were seventy nine (79) inspections and follow-up inspections of vacant buildings and receivership properties.
- ❖ *Enforcement of no-smoking and nuisance laws.* The Board issued seventeen (17) tobacco permits to local businesses; one method to help prevent the sale of tobacco products to minors. The Board passed additional smoking regulations on September 16, 2016 prohibiting smoking at municipal athletic fields and beaches, public transportation waiting areas, hotels, motels and B&B rooms and sets a no smoking buffer zone 40 feet from municipal doors. Electronic cigarettes are now prohibited in work places. The Board issued nineteen (19) permits to refuse haulers
- ❖ *Inspection of pools, beaches, camps, mobile home parks, tanning salons:* The Board licensed two (2) tanning salon, three (3) public and semi-public swimming pool, two (2) mobile home parks and one (1) recreational camp permits. This resulted in two (2) tanning salon, three (3) pool and one (1) camp inspections.

- ❖ *Participation in hazardous waste collection Day:* Residents are able to drop off hazardous materials free of charge at this yearly fall event funded by the Health Department.
- ❖ *Disease prevention and health promotion:* The Montachusett Public Health Network (MPHN) Nurse investigated eleven (11) communicable diseases reporting results the MA Division of Communicable Disease Control. The Board contracts Athol Hospital to provide public health nursing services; which included nine (9) flu clinics for Athol and surrounding communities. Four hundred and forty two (442) flu vaccinations were administered. Nine (9) animal bites were reported to the animal inspector for follow up on rabies prevention. Please ‘like’ Athol Board of Health on Facebook where announcements and health and safety issues are posted.
- ❖ *Participation in emergency preparedness mandated by the federal government:* The Health Department participates in the Region 2 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition consisting of seventy four (74) cities and towns in Worcester County. The satellite phone, provided by the Coalition, is tested monthly. It would be used in time of a wide scale emergency when communications are also affected
- ❖ *Public Health Regionalization:* The Athol Health Department is a member of the Montachusett Public Health Network (MPHN); the inter-municipal agreement was signed September 2013. Eleven (11) towns are participating; Athol, Clinton, Fitchburg, Gardner, Leominster, Phillipston, Princeton, Royalston, Sterling, Templeton, and Westminster. Regionalization is one way to increase the capacity of the Health Departments in each town. MPHNN provides infectious disease follow-up and beach testing services at a lower fee. We continue to be a part of the Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative (MOAPC); a network grant received from the Department of Public Health to develop a regional response to opioid misuse and abuse. An additional grant was awarded to the network (SAPC) - Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative to continue this work and to address underage drinking.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah V. Karan, R.S.;	Health Agent
Board of Health Members:	Joan Hamlett; Chair
	Earle Baldwin; Vice Chair
	Norma Purple

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen & the Citizens of the Town of Athol:

The building department is operated on a budget that is generated from the fees brought in and typically it pays for itself. After a few years of decline in building fees, there has been a steady increase in the last year. In FY15 the building department collected \$62,619.00 in permit fees, an increase of 25% over last year, with 12 municipal permit fees waived (totaling \$9,310.00). The operating budget was \$106,023.40. The number of building permits that were approved totaled 381, an increase of 24% over last year, with a total valuation of \$40,978,380. (Includes Elementary School, HVAC for Elementary School, Phase 5 of Senior Center, Rework of Sprinkler System Senior Center, & Solar for Library)

Building Permits Issues FY2015	
Single Family Homes	6
Multi-Family Homes	0
Commercial, including Municipal	2
Additions	4
Garages/Carports	6
Decks/Porches	8
Pools	5
Wood/Pellet Stoves	41
Sheds	1
Demo	16
Other, Including roofs, siding, & signs	244
Foundation Only	1
Solar Panels	47
Vacant & Abandoned Property	59
CMR 780 sec. 110 Inspections	45
On Site Inspections	404

Plumbing Permits 79

Gas Permits 33

Total Plumbing & Gas Fees: \$13,950.

Respectfully submitted,

Brianna Skowrya
Inspector of Buildings

WIRE INSPECTOR

Annual Report

July 1,2011-June 30,2012

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

The following is a report of the activities of the Wire Inspection Department for the fiscal year 2015

MONTH	NUMBER OF PERMITS	FEEES COLLECTED
July	25	\$2,260.00
August	24	\$2,705.00
September	33	\$2,815.00
October	26	\$2,080.00
November	15	\$1,755.00
December	20	\$2,580.00
January	18	\$24,878.00
February	20	\$2,325.00
March	21	\$3,130.00
April	23	\$2,080.00
May	23	\$2,900.00
June	42	\$4,535.00
Totals	290	\$54,043.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary E. Terroy
Wire Inspector

CHAPTER FOUR

PUBLIC SERVICE

Reports of the Council on Aging,
Public Library, Veterans Services,
Planning & Sealer of W&M



ATHOL COUNCIL ON AGING

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Cathy A. Savoy
Executive Director

Margaret L. Young
Chairman

July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

To: The Honorable Board of Selectpersons

The Citizens of Athol

Mission Statement

Councils on Aging are the principal agencies of local government that serve older adults. First authorized by special legislation in 1956, there are now over 347 Councils in the Commonwealth. The three core responsibilities of the Councils on Aging are but not limited to:

- To identify the needs of senior citizens along with the available resources within the community.
- To educate the community at large in the challenges of aging and advocate for the needs of its senior citizens.
- To design, promote and put in place services that are needed and to coordinate the efforts of agencies which serve older people.

The Athol Council on Aging office and Senior Center is located at 82 Freedom Street in Lord Pond Plaza. The COA office hours are: Mon. Wed. & Thurs. 8:00-5:00, Tues. 8:00-8:00 and closed Fridays. The Senior Center is open 8:00-3:30 Monday through Thursday with occasional night and weekend activities. Hours are flexible and can accommodate special programs.

Over the past year approximately 2,383 community seniors were served in various capacities by the Council on Aging and Senior Center by the numerous programs provided through funding from the Town of Athol, the Executive Office of Elder Affairs Formula Grant, Frank S. Parmenter Trust Fund, LifePaths, Inc. (formerly known as Franklin County Home Care Corporation), EOEA Title IIIB, Friends of the Athol Council on Aging and individual contributors.

The Senior Center dining program, sponsored by LifePaths, Inc, provided 1,840 nutritionally balanced congregate dinner meals served at 12 noon Tuesday through Thursday. Additional meals were offered outside of the established congregate program.

Activities at the Senior Center include health and wellness related activities and screenings including, hearing tests, foot screening, blood pressure clinics, flu clinics, preventive dental

services, senior fitness, yoga, congregate meals, home safety seminars and educational forums. Social activities include bingo, red aces, senior arts classes, painting, quilting, card making, movies, meetings, a lending library and other special events. Social services include food stamp applications, food security counseling, fuel assistance, benefits counseling, tax preparation, SHINE, a program of LifePaths, Inc., (serving health insurance needs of everyone) and information and referral services.

Through a Title III D Grant administered through LifePaths Inc. and the Executive Office of Elder Affairs the Council was able to offer a "Wellness for Life" program "Yoga for Every Body" facilitated by Pat Roix. Our innovative Birthday Card Outreach Program continues and is funded through donations.

Through Formula Grant funding, the Council was able to continue the well attended "Senior Fitness" program, instructed by certified staff of the Athol area YMCA two mornings a week. The fitness program served 36 seniors for 98 sessions. The fitness and wellness classes are year round.

The Brown Bag distribution continues with approximately 135 elders receiving surplus food each month. Approximately 75 of the brown bags are delivered by volunteer drivers. The program is supervised and led by the COA staff and 25 volunteers, who unload the truck, package the brown bags and distribute at the center site or deliver to homebound seniors and the disabled.

115 seniors received assistance in the preparation of their state and federal income taxes through AARP and the Council on Aging. Through outreach efforts the tax preparation program has shown a significant increase in demand over the past several years. Twelve seniors were assisted with filing the "Circuit Breaker" a State Tax Rebate program.

The Council has maintained their blood pressure clinics with 337 pressures taken at 48 clinics. There were 10 doctor's referrals.

The "Shine" program assisted 544 area seniors with health insurance issues and assisted with the Prescription Advantage program and the changes in the H.M.O. programs. Three volunteer SHINE counselors trained through the State and LifePaths, Inc and continue to participate in monthly trainings to keep up with the changing health care systems. Support for program is provided by the Council on Aging.

The Council has maintained the foot-screening clinic available to seniors twice a month. 257 screenings were performed during the 22 sessions.

Fuel assistance – Over 50 elders were assisted with Fuel Assistance applications to

Through the generosity of the North Worcester County Board of Realtors and their "Adopt an Elder" Christmas program, the Council was able to identify and deliver 50 Christmas gifts to isolated and less fortunate elders.

The Council on Aging provided assistance and referral services 20 seniors to free legal assistance offered through North Central Legal assistance and the Franklin County Bar Association.

On Christmas Day, 250 homebound elders and disabled were delivered a complete ham dinner. With the assistance of the COA Board and the *MANY* volunteers, the dinners were cooked, packed & delivered. The Christmas dinner program is a three day project.

The Council on Aging provided assistance with the Wm. J. O'Brien Thanksgiving community dinner where over 100 community residents were served a sit down meal on Thanksgiving Day that is annually held at the Athol American Legion.

Throughout the year the Council on Aging Director contributed time to the Friends of the Athol Council on Aging board, Community Transportation, AARP, the Golden Ages Club and the Athol Housing Authority.

The Director and Board members participated in the Mass. Council on Aging, Western Mass. Council on Aging, Mass. Public Health Assoc., local school programs, (Inter-generational) and numerous other senior and municipal connected classes and seminars.

The Council on Aging applied for and received four grants to support various programming for the Fiscal Year 2014.

In June, a Volunteer Recognition luncheon was held for at the Athol Senior Center with 90 volunteers present. State and municipal representatives were among those who honored the volunteers for their commitment in assisting the COA with the many programs it offers to elder and disabled community residents. Guest Speaker Rebecca Bialecki representing Heywood/Athol Hospitals facilitated a power point presentation on the Athol Hospital expansion project and the North Quabbin Retreat facility to be constructed in Petersham, MA serving the local region.

During the recent year the Friends of the Athol Council on Aging (a non-profit 501c3 organization) applied for and received \$40,000. (over a two-year period) from the John W.Boynton Trust Fund to complete the interior build out of the health and outreach room within the Senior Center facility. The organization also conducted their annual membership drive, raffle fundraisers and the Fall Frolic event with proceeds to benefit programming and other educational and social events for seniors at the Center.

In June the following slate of officers were elected for the coming year:

Margaret Young, Chairperson

Stephen Larry, Vice-Chairperson

Kathy Cygan, Secretary

Other board members

Jean Ryder

Walter Lehman

Lillian Batchelder

Ruth Black

Linda Grenier

The Board would like to thank the 180 volunteers that make the many Council on Aging programs possible. We are indebted to the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, the Massachusetts Councils on Aging, LifePaths Inc., the Friends of the Athol Council on Aging, the Frank S. Parmenter Trust Fund, Athol Memorial Hospital, the local Cultural Council grantors, Senior Dining Center Mgr., meal site volunteers, AARP tax assistants, Western Mass Food Bank, the Athol Public Library, the North Central County Board of Realtors, and many other clubs, organizations and individuals.

In conclusion, the Council on Aging wishes to thank the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and the citizens of Athol for their support and assistance throughout the year. If any citizen has questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Council office at (978) 249-8986.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy A. Savoy

Executive Director

Judy Thayer

Program Coordinator

**Athol Public Library
2014-2015 Annual Report**

To: The Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Athol

"Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries."—Anne Herbert

The library customers and staff enjoyed their second year in the new building. Having so much more space has allowed for more programming and activities. Those exciting events will be detailed by library staff further into the report. Suffice to say it's still an adjustment period and we remain busier than ever with an increase of 20% in circulation our first year and this year another 13%. We issued over 1,000 new borrowers cards this year. We hit a landmark 800 people visiting in one day while the average is between 500 and 600. People are using the services of the public library more than ever.

An Art Exhibition policy was approved by the Trustees this year with thanks to Susan Paju for sharing the Acton Library's policy and working with our Director Deb Blanchard to formulate one for our own library. Susan and Heidi Kleiner donated an art hanging system and assisted Deb Blanchard in installing this in the conference room. An Art Exhibition Committee was then formed with the following members: Carol Ambrozy, Deb Blanchard, Susie Feldman, Heidi Kleiner, Susan Paju, and Shelley Small. The library webmaster Kelsey Matthews did an excellent job designing a page on the library website for information about this new committee. Artists who displayed their art during the year, July 2014-June 2015, were: David Brothers, KC Pearson and Joe Smith. There are exhibitions already lined up through the next year. Please be sure to stop by and see them. Some of the artists held receptions with refreshments and were in attendance to answer questions. Special thanks to Susan and Heidi for their donation and helping to get this off the ground.

The new spaces were also attractive to many outside groups for meetings and events. We were very pleased that for the first time in the library's history the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners held two events here. On November 20th they held one of their annual board meetings here. Deb led a tour for the Commissioners prior to the meeting and it was a wonderful opportunity to showcase how their \$5 million dollar grant was spent. A workshop for the next construction grant round in two years was held on April 23rd with over 40 people in attendance, hoping to get a grant to improve their libraries. Again Deb led a tour and answered the many questions posed by the participants. Finally a Library Legislative Day was held on February 27th with Senator Anne Gobi, Representatives Susannah Whipps Lee and Todd Smola listening to their constituents talking about the importance of libraries in their lives and communities. Thanks to our Friends group for providing the refreshments for these events.

Another new service was implemented thanks to former local resident Susan Chaisson Schueller and her late husband Richard's generous donation of an Orion tabletop telescope for loan. The Library Telescope Program is facilitated by the New Hampshire Astronomical Society. Richard, before his death, and other members of the society came out to conduct a training for the library

staff at Skyfields. The Aldrich Astronomical Society later led a star-gazing program for patrons out in the library park. The library thanks the Schuellers for their contribution. Thanks are also due to David Small and the Athol Bird and Nature Club for 'babysitting' our telescope during our building renovations.

Appreciation is also owed to the Athol Orange Area Rotary Club for sponsoring five evening story times. This cooperative project called "Rotary Reads" featured members of the club selecting a book related to their field of work or expertise, and coming to the library to read to families. They also purchased copies so that every family got to take the book home to add to their personal collection.

Building News

See also the Library Trustees Report.

Even though we moved back into the building in December 2013, there was still plenty of work going on. The PARC (Parklands Acquisitions and Renovation for Communities) program grant schedules required us to put off landscaping until 2014 summer/fall. Thanks to the many contractors for their patience while trying to do parking lot improvements and landscaping while hundreds of customers were trying to use the library. After the final inspections were done by the landscape architects of Devellis Zrein, Inc. and Melissa Cryan from the state PARC office, a ribbon cutting was held which also included the Watershed Park on Canal Street (which was created under a different state program). Quite a number of programs have been enjoyed in the new library park from storybook walks to concerts. Many people simply enjoy walking in the park or eating their lunch there.

The Shade Tree Commission purchased a Liberty Elm for the park for which we extend sincere thanks. A plaque with all the information about the elm tree project is located in the library lobby.

There were several other final walkthrough inspections to close out the project. Michealle Larkins, representing the Parmenter Fund and the John Boynton Fund, came out to see the large print shelving and the archives modular shelving both of which were purchased with grants from these funds. DOER (Department of Energy Resources) came out to see the electric car chargers purchased through their grant program and also the light fixtures and other energy saving devices through another of their grants. Dennis Sullivan of D.A. Sullivan and Sons, the general contractor, went through with the architect and project manager. Several punch list items are open and the library continues to hold significant retainage. Greenwood Roofing came out periodically to inspect that the solar installation on the roof was in keeping with the roof warranty.

The solar panel roof project was finally completed this year and lit up. This was an extremely lengthy and overdue project due to many factors on the vendor side. Thanks to the Town of Athol electrical inspector Gary Terroy for insisting that it be done right and to the state electrical inspector Louis Messier for getting the company to make those changes. Also kudos to town

manager Shaun Suhoski for keeping on top of this project and finally pushing it through. This installation is already showing a huge electrical savings for the library.

A water pressure problem was discussed between the Trustees, Selectmen and DPW for possible solutions. The Trustees paid to have a check valve put into the system and the DPW paid to have a pressure recorder installed. The library staff read the recorder each week so the DPW could monitor the situation. Happily there have been no further incidents. Thanks to the Selectmen and DPW for assisting in resolving the issue.

Absolutely beautiful photographs of the library and park were taken by several very talented photographers this year. Go to the library website to view the works of local residents Mitchell Grosky, David Brothers, and Mike Phillips. David also did a four piece photo montage of each stage of construction which is now hanging in the historic Carnegie section. Former resident Dennis Washburn, who works for Google, came out to do a 'virtual tour' which is also on the website. Our architectural firm, Tappe Associates, hired Ed Wonsek to come for a full day shoot for publicity purposes.

Sammis Woodworking installed a new Giving Tree in the lobby when the first one was full. Jon Sammis also built a beautiful greeter's desk and book store display showcase for the Friends. He refinished much of our old maple furniture, restoring it to its original brilliance. Several new pieces were also custom made for the staff as all the public furniture was completed in the previous year. The new circulation desks in adults and children's that Jon created are works of art. All of this was accomplished through the Friends fundraising.

Finally a very heartfelt thanks to Ken Vaidulas. Ken served as a Construction Committee member who attended all weekly job meetings. When asked by the director to continue to serve to complete the park and landscaping work, he readily agreed. In going above and beyond he also came each week to mow the lawns, weed and generally do anything asked of him as a volunteer. Much gratitude, Ken!

STAFF

There were a number of staff changes this year, chief among them the announcement that the Library Director Deb Blanchard would be retiring in the next fiscal year and the town manager and Trustees' unanimous decision that long time Children's Librarian Jean Shaughnessy would be taking over the reins as the new Director. Both Jean and Deb were employed as high school library pages and have held a variety of positions over the years at the library. Deb leaves after 43 years at the library and is pleased to know that it is good hands.

The Trustees also saw a change after many years with the same board when Carol Ambrozy decided not to run for another term after serving for nine years. Carol also served as the Building/Construction Committee Chair. Many thanks to Carol for her dedication to the library building project, her grant writing and the countless hours spent to help bring the project to a successful conclusion. Christine Miranda ran successfully for the position at the annual town election. She has served on the Friends of the Library Board of Directors and the members of the trustees look forward to working with her.

In other staff changes, Tom Deam resigned for health reasons and Rheba Gagne was promoted to his part time position. Long time pages Krystal Kilhart left to attend college and Samantha Skinner left for a full-time job. All were friendly, helpful members of our staff and everyone will miss them. Emily Boughton and Olivia Skinner were hired as the new pages.

Adult Services from Robin Shtulman, Kelsey Matthews and Anne Cutler-Russo

This was a great year for science and creativity here at the Athol Public Library. We celebrated science with the "Literary Elements" Summer Reading Program. Forty-three adults completed 73 periodic table BINGO cards to earn 73 raffle tickets. A "fireman of 1899" visited the library in August with a fascinating look at the history of this occupation. Rory Raven conducted a séance just before Halloween. Ginger Burr transformed 38 women from "Frumpy to Fabulous". A 3-D printing demonstration and Fishing with Allan Butler attracted slightly different audiences of men and young adults. February also featured "A Look at the Oscars". We hosted a Legislative Breakfast here in February, giving area libraries and communities a chance to hear from and speak to our government representatives while enjoying good food, good company, and positive library messages. We offered several well-received programs of timely interest: the green burial movement, women in the Arab world, education tax credits, and ADHD coping mechanisms. In March, attendees learned how to make healthy "Green Smoothies". Friends and guests had a chance to dress up like it was the 1920's at the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting and program on the "Roaring Twenties". In April, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners held a "Planning and Design Workshop" here for other libraries. In June, the Delvena Theatre Company filled the audience with laughter as they brought Julia Child to life in their show "Meet Julia Child".

There were a variety and abundance of book discussion groups to join during the year. George Roix led a meditation book discussion and organized a Buddhism discussion, there was a "Cabin Fever" book discussion, and the Noon Time Book Group and Mystery Book Discussion Group met monthly. The library was very happy to partner with other organizations, such as Mt. Wachusett Community College, to offer an evening of poetry centering on the Quabbin, and the Aldrich Astronomical Society to launch our new telescope lending program with the telescope made possible by the late Richard Schueller and Susan Chaisson-Schueller.

Our knitting group, the Knit-Wits, (headed up by volunteer Jean White), continues to grow in number and spirit, welcoming anyone who would like to learn.

The APL provided delivery service to more than a dozen home-bound readers, thanks to our senior tax abatement volunteers Jeanne Forand and Mike Cygan. Our new private study rooms continue to be very useful and popular.

Young Adult Department from Anne Cutler-Russo

The summer of 2014 featured the theme "Spark a Reaction" which allowed students in grades 5-12 to attend weekly science programs in July, learn how to machine sew with Jean White using sewing machines borrowed from the middle school, play chess with the Wild Knights Chess

Club under the direction of David Price, make “butt pillows” out of old jeans, play on the Wii with Rheba Gagne, and participate in a multicultural cooking session.

The Wild Knights Chess Club continued to meet every week during the 2014-2015 school year and the Knit-Wits resumed their weekly meetings with Jean White in September. ATAC, the teen advisory group, met monthly throughout the academic year enjoying conversations about books, eating pizza provided by the Friends of the Library, choosing books for a Book Buy at Bruce’s Browser, celebrating Banned Books Week, making scarecrows, playing mystery games, planning the Boston Bruins PJ Drive at the library, watching a film about cyberbullying, creating poems for National Poetry Month in April, and updating the ATAC scrapbook.

Teen Time Tuesdays featured a variety of weekly craft programs and the Anime Club met monthly with Rheba Gagne to watch anime films and discuss manga. Student Loren Bennington started the Pokemon Club which met Wednesdays and attracted a group of enthusiastic teens and preteens.

Anne Cutler-Russo and Robin Shtulman worked together to stage a Volunteer Fair. Representatives from organizations which accept teen volunteers set up displays in the program room and students and their parents were able to talk to them and pick up printed materials. A notebook of possible jobs was created and is available in the teen area at the library.

Jean Shaughnessy, Karen McNiff, and Anne Cutler-Russo worked with school administrators and staff to bring Community Reading Day to students in the elementary schools in the Athol-Royalston Regional School District and the students at the middle school. Our many wonderful volunteers read selected books in all the elementary classrooms and in the English classes at the middle school.

Anne Cutler-Russo visited the middle school and high school in the spring to promote books and reading and, together with Rheba Gagne and the members of the Anime Club, created a display on Japan, anime, and manga for the Multicultural Fair at the middle school.

Children’s Department from Jean Shaughnessy

Annual Report – July 2014-June 2015 – Children’s Room

The first Summer Reading Program held in the newly renovated library, “Fizz, Boom, Read”, featured many story times and special programs with science and nature themes. Children had a great time making wind-powered vehicles with Paul McNiff, science teacher. Tazer, the listening therapy dog, visited the library to listen to children read. Title I provided two teachers to spend time at the library encouraging children to read. McDonald’s presented “Reading is WOW” and Valuing Our Children/Community Partnership with Children hosted a Kindergarten Readiness program well attended by teachers and incoming students. The Summer Reading Program showed a significant increase, almost double, over last year’s program at the Senior Center with children reading 4,730 books or 94,600 pages.

In September, LEGO Club continued, Story Times resumed and Jeanette Robichaud, YMCA Director, presented a “Rotary Reads” evening program featuring ‘Wally Exercises’. The Rotary Read programs, sponsored by the Athol-Orange Rotary Club, feature a book reading, related activity, and a book for each family to keep. The Halloween Stroll in October saw over 300 children coming to the library for candy.

Community Reading Days in the Athol-Royalston Elementary and Middle Schools were the major library events in November. The book “Chomp” by Carl Hiaasen was enjoyed by students and readers at ARMS while crocodile and alligator themed books and activities were also

enjoyed at all the elementary schools in Athol and Royalston. Cloth book bags to decorate were offered at The Big Read held at the Elks Club. A very, very cold evening of training on the library's new telescope at Skyfields completed the month.

Lyndale Spencer presented the final Rotary Reads program, reading "How to Lose a Lemur" and sharing pictures, stories, and foods from her trip to Madagascar. February Vacation Week programs included celebrations of National Pancake Day and Chinese New Year. Candy Bingo and the movie, Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible ... Day" each entertained 30-40 children. In March, children attending the afterschool science activities and stories programs learned about different potato varieties and their preparations by making and eating them. They also dissected owl pellets, had an up-close look at a Barn Owl on loan from the Millers River Environmental Center, and listened to stories about owls.

The library participated in a Kindergarten Fair at the Elks Club sponsored by Valuing Our Children. During vacation week, National Picnic Day was celebrated with a picnic in the new Millers River Park behind the library. Nine hearty people braved high winds and frigid temperatures to eat cookies and drink lemonade in the park before hurrying back inside to warm up. The regular school year programs, Story Times, Afterschool stories and crafts, LEGO club, and class visits wrapped up before the end of school. We participated in the Community Partnerships for Children's Family Fun Day held at the Elks Club.

In June, visits were made to each classroom in the elementary schools of Athol and Royalston to promote this year's summer reading program – "Every Hero Has a Story". Valuing Our Children set up a Story Walk in the park every Friday morning during the summer accompanied by a craft inside the library. Two Day Cares held their very elaborate graduations in our Program Room. Ed the Wizard performed "Reading is Magic". The first in a series of family gardening programs was held and five families helped plant vegetables in the raised beds in the park. More than 125 people attended "Super Hero Night", making a variety of crafts – capes, masks, slap bracelets, flying hero planes, and puppets, having pictures taken with the props, and enjoying hot dogs, drinks, and Ninja Turtle pizza. Fireman Adam Mitchell brought a fire truck and Officer Greg Fortes arrived in a police cruiser to represent "Community Heroes" and give children a close up look at their vehicles and equipment. Sarah Mildren of North Quabbin Wildlife Rehabilitation brought two small snapping turtles, Michelangelo and Leonardo from the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Matt Talbot and Sean Tomlinson from the Y organized a popular obstacle course. Emily Boughton repainted a photo opportunity board that was a popular attraction in the lobby of the library for most of the summer.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Materials were purchased in memory of: Mary Lou Schwab, Conway Miller, Edna Haven, Richard F. Crosby, Jr., Virginia Jeris, Robert Fisette, and Evelyn "Babe" Blanchard.
In honor of: Elizabeth Scully on her 90th birthday, and Seth & Stephanie Spaulding.

YOUR LIBRARY STAFF

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Debra A. Blanchard, *Director (retired)*
Jean Shaughnessy, *Director (appointed June)*

Robin Shtulman, *Assistant Director*
Marie Lehmann, Anne Cutler-Russo, Kelsey Matthews, *Senior Library Technicians*
Robin Brzozowski, Carol Fisk, *Part Time Library Technicians*
Tom Deam, *Computer Aide resigned, replaced by Rheba Gagne*
Rheba Gagne, *Page*
William Adams, *Part Time Custodian*
Brenda Buck, Sharman Prouty, Sean Tomlinson *Substitutes*

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Jean Shaughnessy, *Children's Librarian (appointed Director, search underway for new children's librarian)*
Karen McNiff, *Children's Assistant*
Samantha Skinner, Krystal Kilhart, *Pages resigned*
Emily Boughton, Olivia Skinner *Pages*

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Lil Bachelder retired from the Treasurer's job this year and what a wonderful job she has done for so many years. There is no way to adequately thank her for all she has done to further the mission of the library. Luckily she will continue on the board. Our secretary Jean White will take over for her as treasurer in the coming year. Thanks for all the many events the Friends sponsor and the support they give the library!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

Treasurer: Lil Bachelder
Secretary: Jean White
Trustee Rep: Margaret Young
Directors: Nancy Griffin, Rita Grimes, Karen McNiff, Julianne Matthews, Christine Miranda, Patricia Ray, Mary Roberts, Barbara Robichaud, and Jean White.
Join the Friends Today!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY VOLUNTEER GREETERS

Ellenmarie Babin, Sandi Bachelder, Jude Geikie, Nancy Griffin, Bonnie Hodgdon, Muriel Holden, Florence Pelletier, Joyce Phinney, Patricia Ray, Barbara Robichaud, Margaret Robinson, Patricia Tedford, Patricia Vandenberg. Jessica Mann worked as a greeter during the summer, under the sponsorship of Franklin/Hampshire Regional Youth Employment.

SENIOR TAX ABATEMENT VOLUNTEERS 2014 and 2015

Michael Cygan, Jeanne Forand, Bruce Fowler, Randy Mitchell, George Roix, Pat Spaulding, Jean White.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra A. Blanchard, Library Director (Retired)
Jean E. Shaughnessy, Library Director

STATISTICS

CIRCULATION FY15

Adult	75,794
Young Adult	5,836
Children's	<u>32,581</u>

TOTAL	114,211
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Interlibrary Loan

Received from other libraries	16,033
Provided to other libraries	11,465
Nonresident circulations	20,080

Programs

Adult	42
Adult attendance	1,131
Young adult	180
Young adult attendance	1,778
Children	175
Children's attendance	3,687

<u>Registered borrowers</u>	5,219
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Volunteers

Number	100
Approximate hours worked	7,200

<u>Website hits</u>	25,341
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<u>Computer Use</u>	14,315
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Library Space/Room Use for library programs and by outside groups – 1,439



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"To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan." – A Lincoln

FY15 ANNUAL REPORT

To the citizens of the Northeast Quabbin Veterans' Services District:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts began providing for its needy veterans immediately following the Revolutionary War. At the start of the Civil War in 1861, the state legislature formalized the assistance by establishing Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 115 and Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services. State and local government leaders wanted to provide benefits to men and women, both living and deceased, who had borne the burden of military duty—and to their families. Chapter 115 enables every eligible Massachusetts veteran to receive certain financial, medical, educational, employment, and other benefits earned by military service.

MASSACHUSETTS VETERANS' BENEFITS, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

1. Provides a "needs based means-tested" program of financial and medical assistance to eligible veterans.
2. Eligible veterans can be buried at no cost and a nominal fee for spouses in one of two Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries.
3. Women Veterans' Network – Provides women veterans with information on benefits; expand awareness of the needs; and identify health and human resources to meet those needs.
4. Homeless prevention – Provides outreach services through a network of assistance to at-risk veterans and/or their families.
5. Transitional Housing – Provides safe housing, a variety of services, and counseling for up to 24 months to eligible veterans.
6. Wartime Bonuses – Provides bonuses to eligible wartime veterans.
7. Annuities – Provides \$2,000 annually to 100% service-connected disabled veterans, Gold Star parents, and un-remarried spouses of deceased veterans whose death was service connected.
8. Access to federal, state and nonprofit programs and services.
9. And more...

DISTRICT ACTIVATION & REACTIVATION

Effective April 1, 2015, the District welcomed the Town of Orange as a member. With expansion, the board had to re-apply to the Secretary, Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services, for authorization to continue formal district operations. On March 9, 2015, the Secretary authorized the district to continue operations through June 30, 2017. District reapplication is mandatory every two years.

As of June 30, 2015, there were 24 Veterans' Services Districts operating throughout the commonwealth, serving 132 communities, and a population approaching 1.3 million residents.

DISTRICT GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

For every district established pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 115, there shall be a Board of Directors consisting of a representative of each member community as appointed by the board of selectmen.

The Board established By-Laws dated January 11, 2006 define district operations and have updated the By-laws with amendments. The most recent amendment was on February 12, 2015 adding the Town of Orange as a member of the District.

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 115: Section 11 & NQD By-Laws:

1. At the November Board meeting, Director of Veterans' Services presents the next fiscal year's Administrative Budget to the Board recommending the funds required for district operations
2. The Board reviews, discusses and votes to certify the Administrative Budget. It includes each member community's assessment of the total budget.

M.G.L. CHAPTER 115 – VETERANS' BENEFITS

Veterans' benefits are monies paid by towns to eligible recipients. The Commonwealth reimburses a community at least 75% of dollars paid in benefits. See chart:

FINALIZED FY15 VETERANS' BENEFITS DATA

Town	Benefits Expended	State Reimbursement	% Reimbursed
Athol	\$162,537.66	\$122,340.78	75%
Orange	\$218,625.14	\$163,982.36	75%
Petersham	\$3,109.71	\$2,332.28	75%
Phillipston	\$10,637.29	\$7,977.99	75%
Royalston	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	75%

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Assistance was provided to veterans with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA); U.S. Department of Defense (DoD); U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA); U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), and other U.S. Departments and Agencies.

The office continued to work with veterans diagnosed with presumptive Agent Orange illnesses, Mesothelioma, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury, Military Sexual Trauma, etc.

VA applications were processed for service-connected disabilities; increasing existing service-connected disabilities; Dependency & Indemnity Claims; pensions; burial expense assistance; Healthcare; Veterans Grave Markers, etc.

The district acquired military personnel records; medical records; medals, decorations and awards not previously issued to the veteran. Veterans have received assistance with DoD applications to correct Military Records and formal requests to review and upgrade type of discharge.

I look forward to serving veterans, spouses, dependents, and surviving spouses of deceased veterans, who formally reside in the District.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil P. McGuirk

Neil P. McGuirk, Director of Veterans' Services

ANNUAL REPORT
DEPT. OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Following are some key projects advanced in 2015:

Mount Grace Land Trust, Quabbin Heritage Landscape Project

Worked closely with Sarah Wells of Mount Grace Land Trust to secure grant funds and Board of Selectmen approval to develop conservation restriction agreements on four properties in Athol and Phillipston as part of the Quabbin Heritage Landscape Project. The properties are privately owned by the Feldman, Stoddard, LeBlanc and Blakel families and in total will add 1,426 new acres of conservation land.

CDBG 2015 Application

The Board of Selectmen hosted a public hearing and approved the proposal from CDBG Consultant Linda Overing and Planning Director Andrea Buglione to apply for FY15 CDBG funds up to \$454,467 (maximum available) for the reconstruction of Highland Street (Phase II) as well as the continuation of the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Grove Street Project (CDBG 2014)

Highland Street (mid-point to Glen), Grove Street (Main Street to retaining walls) to Main Street Extension project advanced to substantial completion in 2015 with water, sewer, drainage, retaining wall, sidewalk and resurfacing completed through a mix of CDBG and Town Chapter 90 allocation as supported by the Dept. of Public Works.

PATH (Planning Assistance Toward Housing) Grant application.

MRPC Director Glenn Eaton presented a proposal to the Board on behalf of the Dept. of Planning and Development that would help removed obstacles to creation certain multi-family housing units in appropriate zoned locations. Town owned vacant elementary schools will be targeted buildings. The proposal is for up to \$25,000 to hire MRPC to administer the grant. This grant was not successful.

North Quabbin Commons and MassWorks Grant

Work funded through the District Improvement Finance (DIF) program and a \$1,000,000 MassWorks grant to extend water infrastructure to the North Quabbin Commons reached substantial completion. The nearly \$3 million project also included construction of a 225,000 gallon water tower and helped attract the new 80,000 sf Market Basket supermarket, a Marshall's department store and Maurice's clothing outlet in 2015. A shoe store and new construction of a multi-tenant building anchored by a coffee shop is expected in 2016.

Downtown Revitalization Committee – UMass Studio Downtown Plan contract

Andrea Buglione coordinated a joint planning effort with the Downtown Revitalization Committee and graduate students from UMass-Amherst Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning school which resulted in a report issued in early 2015 listing a series of potential improvements.

Note: Ms. Andrea Buglione served as Director of Planning and Development through September 2015 before moving on to taller mountains in Colorado. The Town wishes to thank her for her years of service to the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Shaun A. Suhoski
Town Manager

Sealer of Weights & Measures 2014 - 15 Annual Report

To the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, and Citizens of Athol:

Devices tested	Sealed	Adjusted	Not Sealed	Condemned
Weights & Scales	160	2	2	0
Gas Pumps	88	0	0	0
Fuel Trucks	4	0	0	0
Other	95	0	0	0

Commodities tested and found correct: 10

Fees collected amounted to \$4,280.00, which has been deposited with the town treasurer, whose receipts I hold.

The Sealer's office is in the basement of the Memorial Building. In closing, I would like to thank all businesses for their cooperation, and note that there were no major problems during the past fiscal year.

J.R. Greene
Sealer

CHAPTER FIVE

PUBLIC WORKS

Report of the Department of
Public Works

Report of the Department of Public Works

The Town of Athol Department of Public Works is a consolidated department of 24 full time employees and two part time employees who are responsible for streets, sidewalks, drainage, water and sewer, solid waste and administrative duties. We maintain a roadway network of over 110 miles. We are also responsible for mowing and maintaining 9 cemeteries, 60 acres of parks and ball fields, pruning and removal of town trees. The DPW operates and maintains 4 wells and four water storage tanks. There are also 26 buildings under the DPW's direct responsibility ranging from small sheds to multi-million dollar facilities including a wastewater treatment plant, six wastewater pump stations; two water treatment facilities, two booster pump stations, and a maintenance depot. We also operate the Transfer Station. The Transfer Station is nearing 8 successful years of operation as a full enterprise, self sustaining operation. We now provide a location for disposal of solid waste and demolition and more importantly, provides the opportunity to recycle.

Our current staff represents a significant cut in manpower. In 2003 there were 31 on staff and in the 1980's there were 42. In spite of the cuts in manpower, the need for service has not decreased. Many dedicated volunteers and Senior Tax Abatement participants have helped with the increased maintenance needs. We sincerely appreciate their efforts.

Our normal maintenance activities include; snow & ice control, sweeping

streets and sand removal, pothole patching, cleaning and rebuilding collapsed manholes and catch basins, clearing sewer blockages, reading and repairing water meters, fixing water and sewer pipes, rebuilding pumps and motors, installing signs, mowing grass in parks and cemeteries, burials and roadside brush control, removal of hazardous roadside trees, managing and maintaining a solid waste handling facility and maintaining a fleet of vehicles; as well as maintenance of several buildings. There are also many administrative duties including customer relations, water and sewer billing, cemetery records, grant coordination, project preparation, review and inspection; contract preparation and bidding; environmental permitting and many other miscellaneous tasks.

The following are just some of the many projects that have been in progress or completed in fiscal 2015:

- Completed the installation of the new water main, booster pump station, and water storage tank for the Athol Commons project
- Continued replacement of fire hydrant
- Continued replacement/conversion of all water meters to allow for radio read meter reading
- Completed West Royalston Road reclamation and drainage project from Silver Lake Street to town line
- Completed reclamation and drainage work on Chestnut Hill

Avenue from south end of
Townsend Road to the town line

- Completed reclamation,
drainage, and detention pond on
Partridgeville Road and Gage
Road
- Applied leveling course to south
end of Townsend Road distance
of 1000'
- Installed 965' of single face
guardrail on North Orange Road
and Pinedale Avenue
- Crack Sealed North Orange,
Riceville, and New Sherborn
Roads a total of 26,736 LF
- Notice to Proceed on
Grove/Highland Street CDBG
project May 5th, 2015. Scope of
project includes new water,
sewer, drainage, and replacement
of unsafe retaining walls, road
surface and sidewalks.

Respectfully,

**THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
WORKS**

CHAPTER
SIX
ELECTIONS &
TOWN
MEETINGS

Report of the Election Officers
& Town Clerk

**STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**

In each precinct polling place, the polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and the ballot box in each precinct registered 0.

Ballots received in each of the polling places were as follows:

- Precinct 1:** Regular Ballots - 501 Democrat and 552 Republican
Absent Voter Ballots - 7 Democrat and 11 Republican
- Precinct 2:** Regular Ballots - 501 Democrat and 506 Republican
Absent Voter Ballots - 1 Democrat and 14 Republican
- Precinct 3:** Regular Ballots - 496 Democrat and 493 Republican
Absent Voter Ballots - 2 Democrat and 3 Republican

The polls in each precinct were closed at 8:00 p.m. and after all the ballots, including absent voter ballots, were cast, the ballot boxes registered as follows:

- Precinct 1: 580 on the ballot box and 0 in the side pocket.
Precinct 2: 416 on the ballot box and 0 in the side pocket
Precinct 3: 453 on the ballot box and 1 in the side pocket

The number of names checked on the voting list was as follows:

- Precinct 1:** On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 197 Democrat;
383 Republican
- Precinct 2:** On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 130 Democrat; 286 Republican
- Precinct 3:** On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 175 Democrat; 279 Republican

NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST

- Precinct 1:** Number of Ballots Cast: 197 Democrat ; 383 Republican
Spoiled Ballots: 2 Democrat; 3 Republican
Provisional Ballots: 1 Democrat; 4 Republican
Unused Ballots: 307 Democrat; 174 Republican
- Precinct 2:** Number of Ballots Cast: 130 Democrat ; 286 Republican
Spoiled Ballots: 2 Democrat; 6 Republican
Provisional Ballots: 0 Democrat; 2 Republican
Unused Ballots: 370 Democrat; 226 Republican
- Precinct 3:** Number of Ballots Cast: 175 Democrat ; 279 Republican
Spoiled Ballots: 1 Democrat; 2 Republican
Provisional Ballots: 2 Democrat; 1 Republican

Unused Ballots: 320 Democrat; 214 Republican

ELECTION OFFICERS

Precinct 1: Warden (U) Patricia Kaczmarczyk; Clerk; (U) Allen Hodgdon; Inspectors: (U) Joyce Sinclair; (U) Nancy Daub; (U) Lillian Bachelder; (R) James Lake; (U) Bonnie Hodgdon; (U) Marilyn Farnum; (D) Roberta Casella

Precinct 2: Warden (U) Ann Shea; Clerk (U) Madeleine Andrews; Inspectors: (U) Betty Anne Smith; (U) Jean White; (U) Cathy Foster; (U) Margaret Feldman; (U) Marsha Smith; (U) Shirley Hyre

Precinct 3: Warden (U) Ben Feldman; Clerk (U) Carol Forand; Inspectors: (R) Diane Frost; (U) Christine Miranda; (D) Linda Lozier; (U) Gloria Stoddard; (D) Muriel Holden; (U) Claire Butler; (U) Dawn Maroni; (U) Mary Ann Linton; (U) Richard Lozier

Greeters: Cathy Muzzy and Matthew Karan

In each precinct, all of the election officers were sworn in by the warden.

The votes were canvassed, counted, recorded and declared by law as required, and were as follows:

DEMOCRAT	1	2	3	TOTALS
TOTAL DEMOCRATS	198	130	174	502
SENATOR IN CONGRESS				
BLANKS	39	17	37	93
EDWARD J. MARKEY	157	112	135	404
ALL OTHERS	2	1	2	5
TOTALS	198	130	174	502
GOVERNOR				
BLANKS	4	0	2	6
DONALD M. BERWICK	43	29	37	109
MARTHA COAKLEY	91	54	69	214
STEVEN GROSSMAN	59	47	66	172
ALL OTHERS	1	0	0	1
TOTALS	198	130	174	502
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR				
BLANKS	18	12	18	48
LELAND CHEUNG	47	22	37	106
STEPHEN J. KERRIGAN	114	80	107	301
MICHAEL E. LAKE	19	16	11	46
ALL OTHERS	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	198	130	174	502
ATTORNEY GENERAL				
BLANKS	10	1	8	19
MAURA HEALEY	130	83	119	332

WARREN E. TOLMAN	57	46	47	150
ALL OTHERS	1	0	0	1
TOTALS	198	130	174	502
SECRETARY OF STATE				
BLANKS	36	16	28	80
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN	162	114	146	422
ALL OTHERS	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	198	130	174	502
TREASURER				
BLANKS	22	10	17	49
THOMAS P. CONROY	49	30	40	119
BARRY R. FINEGOLD	77	47	58	182
DEBORAH B. GOLDBERG	48	42	59	149
ALL OTHERS	2	1	0	3
TOTALS	198	130	174	502
AUDITOR				
BLANKS	39	23	36	98
SUZANNE M. BUMP	157	107	138	402
ALL OTHERS	2	0	0	2
TOTALS	198	130	174	502
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS				
BLANKS	33	16	31	80
JAMES P. MCGOVERN	165	114	142	421
ALL OTHERS	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	198	130	174	502
COUNCILLOR				
	1	2	3	TOTALS
BLANKS	165	107	150	422
ALL OTHERS	33	23	24	80
TOTALS	198	130	174	502
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT				
BLANKS	33	16	26	75
ANNE M. GOBI	164	114	148	426
ALL OTHERS	1	0	0	1
TOTALS	198	130	174	502
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT				
BLANKS	48	31	40	119
DENISE ANDREWS	133	93	125	351
ALL OTHERS	17	6	9	32
TOTALS	198	130	174	502
DISTRICT ATTORNEY				
BLANKS	40	21	37	98
DAVID E. SULLIVAN	157	109	137	403
ALL OTHERS	1	0	0	1
TOTALS	198	130	174	502
REGISTER OF PROBATE				
BLANKS	41	24	38	103

STEPHEN G. ABRAHAM	155	106	135	396
ALL OTHERS	2	0	1	3
TOTALS	198	130	174	502
REPUBLICAN	1	2	3	TOTALS
TOTAL REPUBLICAN	384	286	279	949
SENATOR IN CONGRESS				
BLANKS	127	76	81	284
BRIAN J. HERR	255	209	195	659
ALL OTHERS	2	1	3	6
TOTALS	384	286	279	949
GOVERNOR				
BLANKS	38	14	22	74
CHARLES D. BAKER	243	189	173	605
MARK R. FISHER	101	81	84	266
ALL OTHERS	2	2	0	4
TOTALS	384	286	279	949
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR				
BLANKS	106	69	79	254
KARYN E. POLITO	278	217	200	695
ALL OTHERS	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	384	286	279	949
ATTORNEY GENERAL				
BLANKS	123	73	83	279
JOHN B. MILLER	260	213	196	669
ALL OTHERS	1	0	0	1
TOTALS	384	286	279	949
SECRETARY OF STATE	1	2	3	TOTALS
BLANKS	133	78	85	296
DAVID D'ARCANGELO	251	208	193	652
ALL OTHERS	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	384	286	279	949
TREASURER				
BLANKS	133	79	83	295
MICHAEL JAMES HEFFERNAN	251	206	196	653
ALL OTHERS	0	1	0	1
TOTALS	384	286	279	949
AUDITOR				
BLANKS	139	83	92	314
PATRICIA S. SAINT AUBIN	245	201	184	630
ALL OTHERS	0	2	3	5
TOTALS	384	286	279	949
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS				
BLANKS	338	250	240	828
ALL OTHERS	46	36	39	121
TOTALS	384	286	279	949

COUNCILLOR						
BLANKS	144	89	98	331		
JENNIE L. CAISSIE	240	196	180	616		
ALL OTHERS	0	1	1	2		
TOTALS	384	286	279	949		
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT						
BLANKS	52	34	35	121		
JAMES P. EHRHARD	107	78	98	283		
MICHAEL J. VALANZOLA	225	173	146	544		
ALL OTHERS	0	1	0	1		
TOTALS	384	286	279	949		
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT						
BLANKS	4	2	1	7		
KAREN R. ANDERSON	53	72	76	201		
SUSANNAH M. WHIPPS LEE	326	212	202	740		
ALL OTHERS	1	0	0	1		
TOTALS	384	286	279	949		
DISTRICT ATTORNEY						
BLANKS	344	265	255	864		
ALL OTHERS	40	21	24	85		
TOTALS	384	286	279	949		
REGISTER OF PROBATE						
BLANKS	139	81	94	314		
STEPHANIE K. FATTMAN	245	204	184	633		
ALL OTHERS	0	1	1	2		
TOTALS	384	286	279	949		

We have canvassed the returns of votes cast in Precincts 1, 2, and 3, Town of Athol, and the Special Town Election this date, and declare the foregoing to be so.

In accordance with the requirements of General Laws, chapter 51, section 61, as amended, we certify that the number of registered voters in each voting precinct in the Town of Athol at the close of registration on August 20, 2014 was as follows. viz.-

Precinct	Registered Voters
1	2096
2	1820
3	<u>1846</u>
Total	5762

Nancy E. Burnham
Hugh A. Horrigan
Gerard Lozier
REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

**STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4, 2014**

In each precinct polling place, the polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and the ballot box in each precinct registered 0.

Ballots received in each of the polling places were as follows:

Precinct 1: 1,997 Regular Ballots and 49 Absent Voter Ballots
Precinct 2: 2,002 Regular Ballots and 24 Absent Voter Ballots
Precinct 3: 2,003 Regular Ballots and 56 Absent Voter Ballots

The polls in each precinct were closed at 8:00 p.m. and after all the ballots, including absent voter ballots, were cast, the ballot boxes registered as follows:

Precinct 1: 1,243 on the ballot box and 0 in the side pocket.
Precinct 2: 1,027 on the ballot box and 0 in the side pocket
Precinct 3: 1,099 on the ballot box and 0 in the side pocket

The number of names checked on the voting list was as follows:

Precinct 1: On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 1,243
Precinct 2: On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 1,027
Precinct 3: On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 1,100

NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST

Precinct 1: Number of Ballots Cast, 1,243; Spoiled Ballots, 27; Provisional Ballots, 6; Unused Ballots, 775
Precinct 2: Number of Ballots Cast, 1,027; Spoiled Ballots, 15; Provisional Ballots, 5; Unused Ballots, 979
Precinct 3: Number of Ballots Cast, 1,099; Spoiled Ballots, 30; Provisional Ballots, 7; Unused Ballots, 922

ELECTION OFFICERS

Precinct 1: Warden (U) Patricia Kaczmarczyk; Deputy Warden; (U) Allen Hodgdon; Clerk (R) Alice Woessner; Inspectors: (U) Joyce Sinclair; (U) Nancy Daub; (U) Lillian Bachelder; (R) James Lake; (U) Bonnie Hodgdon; (U) Marilyn Farnum; (U) Margaret Robinson; (D) David Small; (U) Diane Page

Precinct 2: Warden (U) Ann Shea; Deputy Warden (U) Madeleine Andrews; Clerk (D) Muriel Holden; Inspectors: (U) Betty Anne Smith; (U) Jean White; (U) Cathy Foster; (U) Margaret Feldman; (U) Marsha Smith; (U) Shirley Hyre

Precinct 3: Warden (U) Ben Feldman; Deputy Warden (U) Carol Forand; Clerk (U) Dawn Maroni; Inspectors: (R) Diane Frost; (U) Christine Miranda; (D) Linda Lozier; (U) Gloria Stoddard; (U) Claire Butler; (U) Mary Ann Linton; (U) Richard Lozier; (U) Bonnie Stewart

Greeters: Cathy Muzzy, Kathy Harrow, Stephen Raymond, Beau Guimond and Matthew Drazek.

In each precinct, all of the election officers were sworn in by the warden.

The votes were canvassed, counted, recorded and declared by law as required, and were as follows:

	1	2	3	TOTALS
TOTALS	1245	1029	1099	3373
SENATOR IN CONGRESS				
BLANKS	66	35	46	147
EDWARD J. MARKEY	597	476	586	1659
BRIAN J. HERR	581	516	464	1561
WRITE-INS	1	2	3	6
TOTALS	1245	1029	1099	3373
GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR				
BLANKS	27	15	21	63
BAKER AND POLITO	693	607	584	1884
COAKLEY AND KERRIGAN	430	325	411	1166
FALCHUK AND JENNINGS	64	50	47	161
LIVELY AND SAUNDERS	22	24	24	70
MCCORMICK AND POST	9	8	12	29
WRITE-INS	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	1245	1029	1099	3373
ATTORNEY GENERAL				
BLANKS	59	44	57	160
MAURA HEALEY	594	448	569	1611
JOHN B. MILLER	591	537	471	1599
WRITE-INS	1	0	2	3
TOTALS	1245	1029	1099	3373
SECRETARY OF STATE				
BLANKS	59	45	51	155
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN	688	528	640	1856
DAVID D'ARCANGELO	443	409	371	1223
DANIEL L. FACTOR	54	47	36	137
WRITE-INS	1	0	1	2
TOTALS	1245	1029	1099	3373
TREASURER				
BLANKS	80	60	69	209
DEBORAH B. GOLDBERG	512	404	513	1429
MICHAEL J. HEFFERNAN	601	516	467	1584
IAN T. JACKSON	52	49	50	151
WRITE-INS	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	1245	1029	1099	3373
AUDITOR				
BLANKS	95	76	79	250
SUZANNE M. BUMP	580	458	552	1590

PATRICIA S. SAINT AUBIN	513	449	424	1386
MK MERELICE	57	46	43	146
WRITE-INS	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	1245	1029	1099	3373
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS				
BLANKS	377	295	285	957
JAMES P. MCGOVERN	850	712	788	2350
WRITE-INS	18	22	26	66
TOTALS	1245	1029	1099	3373
COUNCILLOR	1	2	3	TOTALS
BLANKS	356	277	312	945
JENNIE L. CAISSIE	877	745	775	2397
WRITE-INS	12	7	12	31
TOTALS	1245	1029	1099	3373
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT				
BLANKS	48	41	50	139
ANNE M. GOBI	555	438	554	1547
MICHAEL J. VALANZOLA	641	549	493	1683
WRITE-INS	1	1	2	4
TOTALS	1245	1029	1099	3373
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT				
BLANKS	22	23	28	73
DENISE ANDREWS	367	313	398	1078
SUSANNAH M. WHIPPS LEE	853	688	671	2212
WRITE-INS	3	5	2	10
TOTALS	1245	1029	1099	3373
DISTRICT ATTORNEY				
BLANKS	384	312	312	1008
DAVID E. SULLIVAN	844	699	769	2312
WRITE-INS	17	18	18	53
TOTALS	1245	1029	1099	3373
REGISTER OF PROBATE				
BLANKS	94	70	81	245
STEPHEN G. ABRAHAM	511	401	514	1426
STEPHANIE K. FATTMAN	638	556	503	1697
WRITE-INS	2	2	1	5
TOTALS	1245	1029	1099	3373
QUESTION 1 - GAS TAX				
BLANKS	44	24	34	102
YES	784	657	625	2066
NO	417	348	440	1205
TOTALS	1245	1029	1099	3373
QUESTION 2 - BOTTLE BILL				
BLANKS	14	12	15	41
YES	255	212	215	682
NO	976	805	869	2650

TOTALS	1245	1029	1099	3373
QUESTION 3 - CASINOS				
BLANKS	21	17	28	66
YES	317	242	292	851
NO	907	770	779	2456
TOTALS	1245	1029	1099	3373
QUESTION 4 - SICK TIME				
BLANKS	32	24	32	88
YES	623	557	592	1772
NO	590	448	475	1513
TOTALS	1245	1029	1099	3373
QUESTION 5 - TAX MARIJUANA				
	1	2	3	TOTALS
BLANKS	108	85	101	294
YES	806	641	692	2139
NO	331	303	306	940
TOTALS	1245	1029	1099	3373

We have canvassed the returns of votes cast in Precincts 1, 2, and 3, Town of Athol, and the Special Town Election this date, and declare the foregoing to be so.

In accordance with the requirements of General Laws, chapter 51, section 61, as amended, we certify that the number of registered voters in each voting precinct in the Town of Athol at the close of registration on October 15, 2014 was as follows. viz.-

Precinct	Registered Voters
1	2286
2	2000
3	<u>2059</u>
Total	6345

Nancy E. Burnham
Hugh A. Horrigan
Gerard Lozier
REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
APRIL 6, 2015**

In each precinct polling place, the polls were opened at 10:00 a.m. and the ballot box in each precinct registered 0.

Ballots received in each of the polling places were as follows:

Precinct 1: 597 Regular Ballots and 8 Absent Voter Ballots
Precinct 2: 599 Regular Ballots and 3 Absent Voter Ballots
Precinct 3: 599 Regular Ballots and 6 Absent Voter Ballots

The polls in each precinct were closed at 8:00 p.m. and after all the ballots, including absent voter ballots, were cast, the ballot boxes registered as follows:

Precinct 1: 170 on the ballot box and 0 in the side pocket.
Precinct 2: 110 on the ballot box and 0 in the side pocket
Precinct 3: 137 on the ballot box and 0 in the side pocket

The number of names checked on the voting list was as follows:

Precinct 1: On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 170
Precinct 2: On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 110
Precinct 3: On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 137

NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST

Precinct 1: Number of Ballots Cast, 170; Spoiled Ballots, 2; Provisional Ballots, 0; Unused Ballots, 433
Precinct 2: Number of Ballots Cast, 110; Spoiled Ballots, 3; Provisional Ballots, 0; Unused Ballots, 489
Precinct 3: Number of Ballots Cast, 137; Spoiled Ballots, 2; Provisional Ballots, 0; Unused Ballots, 420

ELECTION OFFICERS

Precinct 1: Warden (U) Patricia Kaczmarczyk; Clerk; (U) Allen Hodgdon; Inspectors: (U) Nancy Daub; (U) Lillian Bachelder; (R) James Lake; (U) Bonnie Hodgdon; (U) Mary Ann Linton; (D) Richard Lozier

Precinct 2: Warden (U) Ann Shea; Clerk (U) Madeleine Andrews; Inspectors: (U) Betty Anne Smith; (U) Jean White; (U) Cathy Foster; (U) Margaret Feldman; (U) Marsha Smith; (U) Shirley Hyre

Precinct 3: Warden (U) Ben Feldman; Clerk (R) Marion Euvrard; Inspectors: (R) Diane Frost; (D) Muriel Holden; (D) Linda Lozier; (U) Gloria Stoddard; (U) Claire Butler; (U) Carol Forand

In each precinct, all of the election officers were sworn in by the warden.

The votes were canvassed, counted, recorded and declared by law as required, and were as follows:

OFFICE/CANDIDATE					
TOTALS	1	2	3	TOTALS	
MODERATOR					
BLANKS	19	11	11	41	
LAWRENCE P. MCLAUGHLIN	150	99	125	374	
JOAN GROSS	0	0	1	1	
ALL OTHERS	1	0	0	1	
TOTALS	170	110	137	417	
SELECTMAN - 3 YEARS					
BLANKS	49	26	43	118	
LEE E. CHAUVETTE	115	84	89	288	
JOSEPH HAWKINS	1	0	0	1	
PHIL KING	1	0	0	1	
JASON LERAY	1	0	2	3	
CHARLES KERRIGAN	1	0	0	1	
WILLIAM CALDWELL	1	0	0	1	
DAVID SMALL	1	0	0	1	
KEITH CHACE	0	0	2	2	
ALL OTHERS	0	0	1	1	
TOTALS	170	110	137	417	
SELECTMAN - 1 YEAR					
BLANKS	42	25	37	104	
MITCHELL R. GROSKY	113	74	95	282	
SUSANNAH LEE	3	0	0	3	
PHIL KING	1	0	0	1	
PAULA ROBINSON	1	0	0	1	
EDWARD STONE	2	2	0	4	
JASON LERAY	1	0	0	1	
KENNETH DUFFY	2	1	0	3	
THOMAS LOZIER	1	0	0	1	
WILLIAM CALDWELL	1	2	0	3	
JOHN COSTA	1	0	0	1	
KATHLEEN PUTNAM	0	1	0	1	
H THOMAS COLO	0	1	1	2	
JAMES SMITH	0	4	0	4	
REBECCA LERAY	0	0	2	2	
ALL OTHERS	2	0	2	4	
TOTALS	170	110	137	417	
SCHOOL COMMITTEE FROM ATHOL - 3 YEARS					
BLANKS	103	79	85	267	
JOAO M. BAPTISTA	101	59	74	234	

DEBORAH B. KUZMESKAS		135		81		113		329
SHELLY SMALL		1		0		0		1
KENNETH VAIDULAS		0		1		0		1
TAMARA CAPUTO		0		0		1		1
KEITH CHACE		0		0		1		1
ALL OTHERS		0		0		0		0
TOTALS		340		220		274		834
SCHOOL COMMITTEE FROM ROYALSTON - 3 YEARS								
BLANKS		8		7		9		24
ANGELICA FAVREAU		35		21		23		79
ROBERTA BOBBI NEWMAN		44		30		38		112
CARLA B. RABINOWITZ		83		52		67		202
ALL OTHERS		0		0		0		0
TOTALS		170		110		137		417
SCHOOL COMMITTEE FROM ROYALSTON - 1 YEAR								
BLANKS		55		32		37		124
CHARLES H. PRETTI		114		78		99		291
JEFFREY COOKE		0		0		1		1
ALL OTHERS		1		0		0		0
TOTALS		170		110		137		417
LIBRARY TRUSTEE								
BLANKS		106		73		87		266
FRANCIS W. FOSTER		108		69		90		267
CHRISTINE A. MIRANDA		126		77		97		300
ALL OTHERS		0		1		0		1
TOTALS		340		220		274		834
HOUSING AUTHORITY								
BLANKS		45		27		38		110
EDWARD C. SAWIN		124		83		99		306
ALL OTHERS		1		0		0		1
TOTALS		170		110		137		417
CONSTABLE								
BLANKS		10		8		8		26
KENNETH A. VAIDULAS		114		79		105		298
KEVIN J. MATERAS		46		23		24		93
ALL OTHERS		0		0		0		0
TOTALS		170		110		137		417
QUESTION 1 - CHARTER AMENDMENT - TOWN MANAGER RESIDENCY								
BLANKS		4		8		12		24
YES		134		75		109		318
NO		32		27		16		75
TOTALS		170		110		137		417
QUESTION 2 - NON BINDING BOARD OF HEALTH								
BLANKS		7		14		11		32
YES		90		53		79		222
NO		73		43		47		163
TOTALS		170		110		137		417

Total # of registered voters		6,047						
Turnout		7%						

We have canvassed the returns of votes cast in Precincts 1, 2, and 3, Town of Athol, and the Special Town Election this date, and declare the foregoing to be so.

In accordance with the requirements of General Laws, chapter 51, section 61, as amended, we certify that the number of registered voters in each voting precinct in the Town of Athol at the close of registration on March 17, 2015 was as follows. viz.-

Precinct	Registered Voters
1	2173
2	1918
3	<u>1956</u>
Total	6047

Nancy E. Burnham
 Hugh A. Horrigan
 Gerard Lozier
REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

**FALL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2014**

The 2014 Fall Town Meeting was held on October 20, 2014 in Memorial Hall. Voters entering the meeting were checked in on the list of registered voters and there were 95 present when the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The number of voters checked as being present was as follows: Precinct 1, 47; Precinct 2, 22; and Precinct 3, 29. Total present: 98

Town Clerk, Nancy Burnham, read the return of service from Constable Randy Mitchell.

The Moderator called for a moment of silence for the following:

Mary Lou Schwab – She was the Executive Director of the American Red Cross, Athol Chapter for 18 years. She organized countless local blood drives and acted as responder to the needs of local families and individuals. She was one of the founding members of the Athol Area United Way.

David W. Maroni – He was a member of the Planning Board, Downtown Vitality Committee and Town Energy Committee

Harry W. Sanderson, Jr. – He was a heavy equipment operator for the Department of Public Works for 30 years

Kirt R. Reilly – He was the supervisor at the Waste Water Treatment Plant since 2002.

Gerald A. Brousseau – He was the Plumbing Inspector for the Town of Athol for over 30 years.

David Bruce Boutall – He was an Athol Police Officer from 1973 until his retirement in 2001.

The following is a true record of the votes taken at the October 20, 2014 Fall Town Meeting.

Article 1 On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town amend Chapter IV Town Buildings and Property, Section 1(b) of the Town Bylaws:

Section 1(b). The care, custody and control of the entire Memorial Building shall be with a Memorial Hall Committee consisting of three Selectmen, and four voters to be appointed by the Town Manager each year in April to serve for one year from May first. This Committee with the aide of the Town Manager shall employ necessary janitors and caretakers, and attend to the lighting, heating, care and repair of the building, and make reasonable rules and regulations not inconsistent with these bylaws for the use and occupancy of said building. All town officers and boards shall, as far as possible, be provided necessary and adequate office and vault space in the building, and in the use of the building's facilities the carrying out of the town's business shall be given first consideration.

and replacing it with the following:

Section 1(b). The care, custody and control of the entire Memorial Building shall be with a Memorial Hall Committee consisting of two Selectmen, and five voters to be appointed by the Town Manager each year in April to serve for one year from May first. This Committee, with the aid of the Town Manager, shall employ necessary custodians, and attend to the lighting, heating, care and repair of the building, and make reasonable rules and regulations not inconsistent with these bylaws for the use and occupancy of said building. All town officers and boards shall, as far as possible, be provided necessary and adequate office and vault space in the building, and in the use of the building's facilities the carrying out of the town's business shall be given first consideration. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 2 On the Motion of Paul W. Nelson, it was **VOTED:** That the Town amend Chapter IV Town Buildings and Property, Section 1(c) of the Town Bylaws:

The Committee shall grant the Edward H. Phillips Post No. 102, American Legion, the use of Memorial hall on Armistice Day, and the Roy L. Boyce, Post No. 650, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. and Athol Chapter No. 46, Disabled American Veterans, each the use of Memorial Hall one night each year without charge. To each of said organizations and to the Athol High School Alumni Association for the rentable portions of Memorial Building on one other date each year, without charge, provided said use shall not be for the purposes of revenue or gain.

and replacing it with the following:

The Committee shall grant the Athol Veterans Council (consisting of the American Veterans [Am Vets] Post 793, Edward H. Phillips American Legion Post No. 102, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 46, Pequoig Detachment 1168 Marine Corps League, Roy L. Boyce Post 650 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 340 the use of Memorial Hall and Liberty Hall on Armistice (Veterans) Day and the use of Memorial Hall on Memorial Day in the event of rain and each of the afore mentioned organizations the use of Memorial Hall one night each year without charge. To each of said organizations and to the Athol High School Alumni Association for the rentable portions of Memorial Building on one other date each year, without charge, provided said use shall not be for the purposes of revenue or gain. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 3 On the Motion of Gary H. Deyo, it was **VOTED:** That the Town amend Athol Zoning Bylaws Article IV – Definitions:

Animal Kennel. “Kennel”, MGL Ch. 140, Sec. 136A, one pack or collection of dogs on a single premises, whether maintained for breeding, boarding, sale, training, hunting or other purposes and including any shop where dogs are on sale, and also including every pack or collection of more than three dogs three months old or over owned or kept by a person on a single premises irrespective of the purpose for which they are maintained. Amendment effective May 4, 1987.

And replacing it with the following:

Animal Kennel. “Kennel”, MGL Ch. 140, Sec. 136A, a pack or collection of dogs on a single premise, including a commercial boarding or training kennel, commercial breeder kennel,

domestic charitable corporation kennel, personal kennel or veterinary kennel. *Required*
2/3rd's vote. *The vote was 83 yes and 0 no.*

Article 4 On the Motion of Cynthia Hahn Caldwell, it was **VOTED:** That the Town amend Athol Zoning Bylaws by adding under Article III – General Regulations, language as printed below:

3.27 Adaptive Reuse Overlay District

3.27.1 Purpose and Intent

Whereas, the Town of Athol has identified a number of non-residential buildings located within existing residential neighborhoods that may no longer be suitable for their original use, and as the town wishes to proactively address vacancies and to adapt to changing circumstances, the Adaptive Reuse Overlay District (AROD) provides specific regulations and guidelines. These regulations provide greater flexibility for future use scenarios while upholding the interests of public health, safety, and welfare through guidelines for neighborhood compatibility and other standards.

The Adaptive Reuse Overlay District will:

- a. Prevent deterioration of buildings that have become obsolete for their original purposes by allowing reuse for other economic and civic opportunities.
- b. Provide an incentive for building reuse and redevelopment through regulatory flexibility.

3.27.2 Definitions

Arts Center: An establishment geared toward exposing, generating, and making accessible art making to arts-interested individuals, or buildings that rent primarily to artists, galleries, or companies involved in art making.

Community Center: A structure where members of a community gather for group activities, meetings, social support, public information, and other purposes

Dance Studio: An educational institution in which the art of dancing is taught and rehearsed.

Municipal Building: Any building whose original title was held by the town of Athol

Music Academy: An educational institution in which all forms of music are taught and rehearsed.

3.27.3 Applicability

- a. This bylaw applies to public schools and municipal buildings, existing at the time of adoption of this bylaw, located in the Residential A, Residential B and Residential C zoning districts.

- b. If the principal building has been removed, then the AROD is nullified and the underlying zoning applies.

3.27.4 Appropriate Uses

In addition to the uses that are permitted by the underlying zoning, the following uses may be permitted by Special Permit for buildings defined in section 3.27.3 a:

- a. Community Centers
- b. Dance Studios
- c. Music Academies
- d. Industrial - Light
- e. Nursery or Greenhouse - With Retail Sales
- f. Parking - Business
- g. Private, for profit school
- h. Arts Centers
- i. Retail Business
- j. Restaurant - Indoor
- k. Restaurant – With Outside Service
- l. Wholesaling - Without Storage
- m. Wholesaling - With Storage

3.27.5 Standards

- a. The proposed use shall not exceed the total square footage or footprint of the building.
- b. Hours of Operation as defined by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to ensure compatibility with the neighborhood.
- c. The ZBA may require a traffic impact statement to demonstrate that operations shall not adversely impact the neighborhood.

3.27.6 Permit Requirements

Uses defined under this bylaw shall require a Special Permit by the Athol Zoning Board of Appeals. The ZBA shall define conditions to ensure the use does not adversely impact the neighborhood.

3.27.7 Map

The Adaptive Reuse Overlay District is shown on a map entitled “Adaptive Reuse Overlay District” dated October 20, 2014 on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

3.27.8 Severability

The provisions of this zoning bylaw are severable. In the event that any provision of this zoning bylaw is determined to be invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. *Required a 2/3rd's vote. The vote was 85 yes and 0 no.*

Article 5 **NO MOTION, NO ACTION** taken on “To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Charter by deleting the following language:

5-1-1 The Board of Selectmen, by an affirmative vote of at least four members shall appoint a Town Manager for an indefinite term to serve at its pleasure.

and replacing it with the following:

5-1-1 The Board of Selectmen, by an affirmative vote of at least three members shall appoint a Town Manager for an indefinite term to serve at its pleasure; or act in relation thereto.”

Article 6 On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town amend Section 5-2-2 of the Town Charter

5-2-2 In selecting a Town Manager, the Board of Selectmen shall conduct a search for candidates, including an advertisement in a then current publication serving the municipal management profession. The Town Manager need not be a resident of the Town when appointed, but he shall take up full-time residence within eight months following his appointment. He shall not have held an elective Office of the Town of Athol within two years immediately prior to his appointment.

and replacing it with the following:

5-2-2 In selecting a Town Manager, the Board of Selectmen shall conduct a search for candidates, including an advertisement in a then current publication serving the municipal management profession. He shall not have held an elective Office of the Town of Athol within two years immediately prior to his appointment. *Required a 2/3rd's vote. The vote was 75 yes and 2 no.*

Article 7 On the Motion of Paul W. Nelson, it was **VOTED:** That the Town amend the Town Charter by adding the following language:

5-2-3 The Town Manager need not be a resident of the Town when appointed, but he shall take up full-time residence within one (1) year following his appointment. Legal residence or domicile shall be his true home or principal residence and shall be the center of his domestic, economic, social and civic life. The Town Manager shall not choose to make his home one place for the general purposes of domestic, economic, social, and civic life as defined above and in another for employment. *Required a 2/3rd's vote. The vote was 66 yes and 16 no.*

Article 8 **NO MOTION, NO ACTION** taken on “To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Charter by deleting the following language:

5-4-1 During the first six months of his appointment, the Board of Selectmen may remove the Town Manager by an affirmative vote of at least four members.

and replacing it with the following:

5-4-1 During the first six months of his appointment, the Board of Selectmen may remove the Town Manager by an affirmative vote of at least three members; or act in relation thereto.

Article 9 **NO MOTION, NO ACTION** taken on “To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Charter by deleting the following language:

5-4-7 Final removal of any Town Manager recruited under this Charter shall be affected by the affirmative vote of at least four members of the Board of Selectmen at a public Meeting of the Board held within seven days of such public hearing, if he has so requested one. If he has not requested a hearing, final removal may be affected by at least four affirmative votes of the Board held not earlier than fourteen days after the vote initiating the removal. The salary of the Town Manager shall continue to be paid as provided by an employment contract, if any, between the Board and the Town Manager, or in the absence of such a contract, as the Board of Selectmen shall determine, provided however that in no instance shall the amount paid after the Manager’s removal from Office exceed the equivalent of one month’s salary for each year served up to a maximum of six months.

and replacing it with the following:

5-4-7 Final removal of any Town Manager recruited under this Charter shall be effected by the affirmative vote of at least three members of the Board of Selectmen at a public Meeting of the Board held within seven days of such public hearing, if he has so requested one. If he has not requested a hearing, final removal may be effected by at least three affirmative votes of the Board held not earlier than fourteen days after the vote initiating the removal. The salary of the Town Manager shall continue to be paid as provided by an employment contract, if any, between the Board and the Town Manager, or in the absence of such a contract, as the Board of Selectmen shall determine, provided however that in no instance shall the amount paid after the Manager’s removal from Office exceed the equivalent of one month’s salary for each year served up to a maximum of six months; or act in relation thereto.”

Article 10 On the Motion of Gary H. Deyo, it was **VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or dispose of surplus property by auction or other legal means the following parcels of land as shown on Athol Assessors Map 43, Lot 14 and recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds as Book 2595 Page 492, Phillipston Assessors Map 37, Lot 11 and recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds as Book 1836 Page 133, and Phillipston Assessors Map 37, Lot 9 and recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds also as Book 1836 Page 133. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 11 **NO MOTION, NO ACTION** taken on “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to pay interest charges for the Water Line project; or act in relation thereto. “

Article 12 On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$80,000.00 from taxation to pay principal and interest charges for the Water Line project. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 13 On the Motion of Cynthia Hahn Caldwell, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$282.25 from taxation to pay for FY14 medical bills for the employment physical for a police officer. *Required a 4/5th's vote. The vote was 88 yes and 1 no.*

Article 14 On the Motion of Paul W. Nelson, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$650.00 from taxation to pay for FY14 bill for the Board of Selectmen. *Required a 4/5th's vote. The vote as 87 yes and 0 no.*

Article 15 On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town amend the fiscal year 2015 Department of Public Works/Sewer Division budget, as approved in Article 20 of the June 9, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, by increasing the operational expense line as printed in the warrant.

Sewer Division	Expenses
Operational Expenses	862,287
Debt	370,545
Health Insurance	59,794
Overhead	97,800
Capital	0
Total	1,390,426

Passed by a majority vote.

Article 16 On the Motion of Gary H. Deyo, it was **VOTED:** That the Town accept MGL Chapter 32B, Section 20 authorizing the Town Treasurer to establish a separate fund to be known as the "Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund." The purpose of the fund is to reduce the unfunded actuarial liability of health care and other post-employment benefits to zero over an actuarially-acceptable period of years, and to meet normal cost of all such future benefits for which the Town of Athol is obligated. And further, to appropriate from stabilization \$10,000.00 to such fund. *Required a 2/3rd's vote. The vote was 69 yes and 9 no.*

Article 17 On the Motion of Rene A. Lake, it was **VOTED:** That the Town accept the resolution as printed below:

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE NORTHEAST EXPANSION
OF THE TENNESEE GAS PIPELINE IN MASSACHUSETTS
AND TO CHAMPION SUSTAINABLE ENERGY**

Whereas a proposed high-pressure transmission pipeline carrying natural gas may come through Athol and/or neighboring communities in the North Quabbin Region while providing no benefit to the people of Athol; and

Whereas said pipeline goes against current Massachusetts commitments to renewable energies and efforts to combat global climate change, creating infrastructure that will promote and prolong the use of fossil fuels perhaps for another 60--100 years; and

Whereas said pipeline would destroy unknowable amounts of forest, conservation land, farmland, and environmentally sensitive areas; and

Whereas property owners who object to the presence of the pipeline on their property would be potentially subject to eminent domain powers granted to a private company by the federal government; and

Whereas a high-pressure gas pipeline, by its nature, carries the potential for leak, rupture or devastating explosion causing untold damage to property and lives; and

Whereas the cost of said gas pipeline may be funded in part by Massachusetts residents through a utility bill tariff as well as through environmental costs not required by law to be paid for by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC ("TGP", a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P.), making rate payers and tax payers bear financial burdens and risks for the endeavors of a private corporation; and

Whereas we the citizens of Athol, Massachusetts choose not to participate in such encumbrances to life, vibrancy, economic stability, and general well being of our citizens or that of our neighbors who live on or near the path of the high-pressure pipeline and the associated compression stations, be it *Resolved*, that the people of Athol, Massachusetts:

1. Hereby oppose said pipeline, and any other similar pipeline carrying high volumes of natural gas under high pressure through the woods, wetlands, farmland, conservation land, and rural residential land of the North Quabbin region;
2. Call upon our Select Board to stand with us in opposition to Kinder Morgan and/or Tennessee Gas Pipeline's high pressure gas pipeline by acting to not allow it within our town borders;
3. Hereby instruct our state and federal legislators and executive branch officials to enact legislation and take such other actions as are necessary to disallow such projects that violate our commitments to life, the environment, our economic well being, and our bodily safety, and, instead, to legislate more stringent energy efficiency and further exploration of and financial assistance for renewable energy sources, said instruction to be issued on behalf of the residents of the Town of Athol by the Select Board; or act in relation thereto. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Meeting dissolved at 8:49 p.m.

Attest:

Nancy E. Burnham
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 2, 2015**

The 2015 Special Town Meeting was held on March 2, 2015 in Memorial Hall. Voters entering the meeting were checked in on the list of registered voters and there were 66 present when the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. The number of voters checked as being present was as follows: Precinct 1, 36; Precinct 2, 13; and Precinct 3, 17. Total present: 66

Town Clerk, Nancy Burnham, read the return of service from Constable Kenneth Vaidulas.

The Moderator called for a moment of silence for the following:

Dr. Howard Adams – He was the Animal Inspector for the Town of Athol for 57 years, retiring at the age of 91.

Thomas R. Bailey – He was a teacher for 30 years at Athol Junior High School teaching science, social studies and math.

John E. Bock – He was a member of the Athol Finance Committee and Capital Planning Committee. In 2007 he was awarded the Margaret Grazis Award for Citizen of the Year.

Barbara J. Coyle – She worked in the Superintendent's office of the Athol School system.

Shirley N. Gale – She worked for the Town of Athol from 1970 to 1983 in the Town Clerk's Office and Assessor's Office.

Edward A. White – He worked for the Town of Athol Highway Department for 8 years.

The following is a true record of the vote taken at the March 2, 2015 Special Town Meeting.

- Article 1** On the motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to file legislation to establish a special revenue fund for "Recaptured Funds from Demolition Liens or Related Grants." *Passed by a majority vote.*
- Article 2** On the motion of Ben J. Feldman, it was **VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to file legislation to establish a special revenue fund for "Recaptured Funds from Rehabilitation or Receivership Property Liens, Proceeds or Related Grants". *Passed by a majority vote.*
- Article 3** On the motion of Paul W. Nelson, it was **VOTED:** That the Town accept the provisions of MGL c. 64G, §3A to establish a room occupancy excise on hotel and motel rooms of six percent. *Passed by a majority vote.*
- Article 4** On the motion of Gary H. Deyo, it was **VOTED:** That the Town accept the provisions of MGL c. 64L, §2 to establish a local option meals excise. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 5 On the motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town amend Article 8 of the June 9, 2014 Annual Town Meeting by deleting the words "Town Hall Masonry (west side) engineering" and inserting in place thereof the words "Town Hall Exterior Stair Repairs." *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 6 On the motion of Cynthia Hahn Caldwell, it was **VOTED:** That the Town transfer \$30,000 from the Stabilization Fund to the "TownHall Exterior Stair Repairs" project fund. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Meeting dissolved at 7:18 p.m.

Attest:

Nancy E. Burnham
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 8, 2015

The 2015 Annual Town Meeting was held on June 8, 2015 in Memorial Hall. Voters entering the meeting were checked in on the list of registered voters and there were 73 present when the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The number of voters checked as being present was as follows: Precinct 1, 33; Precinct 2, 25; and Precinct 3, 24. Total present: 82

Town Clerk, Nancy Burnham, read the return of service from Constable Leon Lozier.

The Moderator called for a moment of silence for the following:

William L. Bacigalupo, Jr. – He worked for the Department of Public Works, Highway Department for several years in the 1980's.

Marlene Bouchard – She was an Associate Member of the Conservation Commission from 1988-1990.

George A. Terrien – He was a firefighter for the Athol Fire Department, shift four, from 1973 to 2002, retiring as captain.

Mary A. Mazejka – She was the Assistant Town Clerk in Athol for 10 years, retiring in 1979.

Sylvia S. Bukowski – She was the Board of Health Agent for the Town of Athol from 1985-1993 and she also worked in the Building Department.

The following is a true record of the votes taken at the June 8, 2015 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 1 To see if the Town will choose all necessary Town Officers not already elected; *or act in relation thereto.*

VOTE:	On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was VOTED: That the Town choose all necessary Town Officers not already elected. <i>Passed by a majority vote.</i>
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Article 2 *To see if the Town will vote to review and act upon the reports of Town Offices and to receive the reports of any committee; or act in relation thereto.*

VOTE:	On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy it was VOTED: That Town review and act upon the reports of Town Offices and to receive the reports of any committee. <i>Passed by a majority vote.</i>
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Article 3 To see if the Town will accept all donations and gifts received and turned into the treasury during fiscal year 2016; *or act in relation thereto.*

VOTE:	On the Motion of Ben Feldman, it was VOTED: That the Town vote to accept all donations and gifts received and turned into the treasury during fiscal year 2016. <i>Passed by a majority vote.</i>
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Article 4 To see if the Town will accept all cemetery and other funds received and provided to the treasury during fiscal year 2016; *or act in relation thereto.*

VOTE:	On the Motion of Paul Nelson it was VOTED: That the Town accept all cemetery and other funds received and provided to the treasury during fiscal year 2016. <i>Passed by a majority vote.</i>
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Article 5 To see if the Town will authorize the treasurer to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for fiscal year 2016 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the Massachusetts General Laws; *or act in relation thereto.*

VOTE:	On the Motion of Gary Deyo, it was VOTED: That the Town authorize the treasurer to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for fiscal year 2016 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the Massachusetts General Laws. <i>Passed by a majority vote.</i>
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Article 6 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen and or the Town Manager to apply for, accept and expend any and all State and Federal grants for fiscal year 2016, for which no additional appropriation by the Town is required; *or act in relation thereto.*

VOTE: On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen and or the Town Manager to apply for, accept and expend any and all State and Federal grants for fiscal year 2016, for which no additional appropriation by the Town is required. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for fiscal year 2016 and make appropriations for same; or act in relation thereto.

VOTE: On the Motion of Ben Feldman, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$13,652,803 to fund the fiscal year 2016 budget to be funded as follows: \$13,420,303 from taxation; transfer \$100,000 from free cash; transfer \$87,000 from sale of real estate; transfer \$30,000 from Cemetery Trust Fund; transfer \$15,000 from parking meter receipt account; and transfer \$500 from Cemetery Lot Sales. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Division/Department	FY14	FY15	FY16	% DIF
Finance				
Accountant	107,215	113,721	118,513	4.21
Assessor	112,526	116,581	102,963	-11.68
FWAC	126,200	75,000	85,750	14.33
Capital Planning Committee	1,020	1,020	1,120	9.80
Collector/Treasurer	3,788,753	4,021,004	2,610,538	
Debt Exclusions			1,915,193	
Subtotal	4,135,714	4,327,326	4,834,077	11.71
Public Safety				
Building Inspector	104,409	107,485	90,166	-16.11
Fire Department	1,646,799	1,680,935	1,688,696	0.46
Health Department	104,398	108,968	108,702	-0.24
Police Department	1,674,909	1,700,033	1,667,671	-1.90
Animal Control (regional)			77,305	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	7,485	7,485	7,985	6.68
Wire Inspector	28,013	29,147	24,636	-15.48
Subtotal	3,566,013	3,634,053	3,665,161	0.86
Public Services				
Board of Selectmen	587,329	622,020	613,546	-1.36
Council on Aging	126,867	110,616	118,125	6.79
Conservation Commission	10,400	8,300	8,750	5.42
Contributory Retirement	1,373,233	1,573,182	1,591,102	1.14
Elections & Registration	14,294	23,100	21,294	-7.82
Library	454,644	464,545	482,844	3.94
Parking	10,175	10,175	10,475	2.95
Planning Board	1,800	1,500	1,800	20.00
Planner / CDBG	86,208	85,913	89,002	3.60
Professional Services	159,587	157,633	154,293	-2.12

Recreation	27,200	29,300	27,115	-7.46
Beaches	23,639	24,985	31,400	25.68
Town Buildings	125,888	124,816	131,941	5.71
Town Clerk	120,692	124,502	129,765	4.23
Town Manager	113,757	106,750	120,465	12.85
Veterans Services	158,794	210,000	214,336	2.06
Zoning Board of Appeals	2,230	2,050	2,050	0.00
Subtotal	3,396,737	3,679,387	3,748,303	1.87
Public Works	1,362,986	1,357,565	1,405,262	3.51
TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T	\$12,461,450	12,998,331	13,652,803	5.04

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds or transfer from Capital Program unexpended funds or by borrowing a sum of money for the fiscal year 2016 Capital Improvement Plan as recommended by the Capital Program Committee; *or act in relation thereto.*

VOTE: On the Motion of Paul Nelson, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$68,000 from the sale of real estate to fund the fiscal year 2016 Capital Improvement Plan as detailed in the chart below: *Passed by a majority vote.*

Department	Item/Project	CPC FY16
Dept. Public Works	Infrastructure / Grant Match	30,000.00
Police Dept.	Cruiser Replacement	38,000.00
	Total Budget	68,000.00

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds or transfer from the Water Enterprise reserve account a sum of money for the purchase of equipment and infrastructure improvements for the Water Division; *or act in relation thereto.*

VOTE: On the Motion of Gary Deyo, it was **VOTED:** That the Town transfer \$175,000 from the Water Enterprise Reserve account for the purchase of equipment and infrastructure improvements for the Water Division. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds or transfer from the Sewer Enterprise reserve account a sum of money for

the purchase of equipment and infrastructure improvements for the Sewer Division; *or act in relation thereto.*

VOTE:	On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was VOTED: That the Town transfer \$75,000 from the Sewer Enterprise reserve account for the purchase of equipment and infrastructure improvements for the Sewer Division. <i>Passed by a majority vote.</i>
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Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds or transfer from the Sewer Enterprise reserve account a sum of money for the purchase of ultra violet lamp replacements for the Sewer Division; *or act in relation thereto.*

VOTE:	On the Motion of Ben Feldman, it was VOTED: That the Town transfer \$20,000 from the Sewer Enterprise reserve account for the purchase of ultra violet lamp replacements for the Sewer Division. <i>Passed by a majority vote.</i>
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Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Ambulance Reserve for Appropriation Account a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing a replacement Ambulance and related equipment as indicated in the FY15 Capital Improvement Plan to be used by the Fire Department; *or act in relation thereto.*

VOTE:	On the Motion of Paul Nelson, it was VOTED: That the Town transfer \$220,000 from the Ambulance Reserve for Appropriation Account for the purchase of an Ambulance and related equipment as indicated in the FY15 Capital Improvement Plan. <i>Passed by a majority vote.</i>
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Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of funding future Triennial Revaluations and Interim Year Value Adjustments, as required under M.G.L. Ch. 40, Section 56, Ch. 58, Sections 1, 1A & 3 and Ch. 59 Section 2A. Such funding is to cover all aspects of revaluation including, but not limited to, statistical analysis, sales analysis, video imaging, field reviews and all other tasks deemed necessary for successful completion of these state mandated requirements; *or act in relation thereto.*

No Motion, No Action

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the fiscal year 2016 assessment to the Athol-Royalston Regional School District; *or act in relation thereto.*

VOTE:	On the Motion of Gary Deyo, it was VOTED: That the Town appropriate from taxation \$3,989,026 for the fiscal year 2016
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assessment to the Athol-Royalston Regional School District.
Passed by a majority vote.

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the fiscal year 2016 assessment to the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District; *or act in relation thereto.*

VOTE: On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate from taxation \$262,026 for the fiscal year 2016 assessment to the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 16 To see if the Town will vote to set the salaries of several elected officers and appointed positions of the boards of the Town

Moderator	\$ 194.00
Selectmen, Chairman	\$1652.00
Selectmen, all other (4)	\$1377.00
Assessors, Chairman	\$1652.00
Assessors, all other (1)	\$1350.00
Constable	None
Board of Health, Chairman	\$1652.00
Board of Health, all other (2)	\$1377.00
Library Trustees	None
School Committee	None

;or act in relation thereto.

VOTE: On the Motion of Ben Feldman, it was **VOTED:** That the Town set the salaries of several elected officers and appointed positions of the boards of the Town of Athol as shown above and printed in the warrant. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Department of Public Works/Water Division Enterprise Fund for fiscal year 2016; *or act in relation thereto:*

VOTE: On the Motion of Paul Nelson, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate from available funds \$1,174,664 to operate the

Department of Public Works/Water Division for fiscal year 2016.
Passed by a majority vote.

Water Division	Expenses
Operational Expenses	795,466
Debt	204,133
Health Insurance	77,265
Overhead	97,800
Capital	0
Total	1,174,664

and that \$1,174,664 be raised as follows:

Water Division	Revenues
Water Rates	1,084,164
Water Service	8,000
Water Interest	5,000
Water Account Charges	77,500
Total	1,174,664

Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Department of Public Works/Sewer Division Enterprise Fund for fiscal year 2016; *or act in relation thereto.*

VOTE: On the Motion of Gary Deyo, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate from available funds \$1,393,290 to operate the Department of Public Works/Sewer Division for fiscal year 2016.
Passed by a majority vote.

Sewer Division	Expenses
Operational Expenses	864,148
Debt	368,890
Health Insurance	62,452
Overhead	97,800
Capital	0
Total	1,393,290

and that \$1,393,290 be raised as follows:

Sewer Division	Revenues
Sewer Rates	1,320,790

Sewer Service	1,000
Sewer Interest	4,000
<u>Sewer Acct. Charge</u>	<u>67,500</u>
Total	1,393,290

Article 19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Department of Public Works /Transfer/Recycling Enterprise Fund for fiscal year 2016; *or act in relation thereto:*

VOTE:	On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was VOTED: That the Town appropriate from available funds \$383,642 to operate the Department of Public Works/Transfer/Recycling Enterprise Fund for fiscal year 2016. <i>Passed by a majority vote.</i>
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Transfer Station	Expenses
Operational Expenses	325,337
Debt	39,850
Health Insurance	18,455
Overhead	0
Total	383,642

and that **\$383,642** be raised as follows:

Transfer Station	Revenues
Departmental Receipts	377,498
Retained Earnings for Expenses	6,144
Total	383,642

Article 20 To see if the Town will vote to establish and authorize the following revolving funds for certain Town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½ for fiscal year 2016; *or act in relation thereto.*

Revolving fund	Authorized to spend	Revenue source	Use of fund	FY2016 spending limit
Plumbing Inspection	Selectmen	Plumbing Inspection fees	Pay plumbing insp. & asst. plumb. insp.	\$20,000
Recycling	Board of Health Town Manager	Grants, bulky waste, PAYT, recycling containers, compost bins	Expenses and equipment	\$20,000
Gas Inspections	Selectmen	Gas inspection fees	Pay gas insp. & asst. gas insp.	\$2,500

Waste Facility Debt	Town Manager	Sewer user fees	Pay upgrade debt	\$60,000
Trench Permit	Building Dept.	Permit Fees & Reimbursement	Enforcement	\$5,000
Vaccinations	Board of Health	Insurance Reimbursements & User Fees	Public Health Administration	\$25,000
Recreation	Recreation Commission	Registration Fees	Program Administration	\$10,000
Total Spending				\$142,500

VOTE: On the Motion of Ben Feldman, it was **VOTED:** That the Town establish and authorize revolving funds for certain Town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½ for fiscal year 2016 as printed in the warrant article above. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 21 To see if the Town will vote to establish and authorize the following revolving fund for certain Town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53C for fiscal year 2016; *or act in relation thereto.*

Police Detail	Police Chief	Contractors	Pay police	\$100,000
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VOTE: On the Motion of Paul Nelson, it was **VOTED:** That the Town establish and authorize revolving funds for certain Town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53C for fiscal year 2016 as printed in the warrant article above. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to be used for the purpose of paying one-time costs attributable to the retirement of four employees of the Town; *or act in relation thereto.*

VOTE: On the Motion of Gary Deyo, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$30,563 from free cash and \$88,239 from stabilization for the purpose of paying one-time costs attributable to the retirement of four employees of the Town. *2/3rd's vote required. The vote was 70 yes and 0 no.*

Article 23 To see if the Town will to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the "Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund;" *or act in relation thereto.*

VOTE: On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$10,000 from free cash for the purpose of contributing

to the "Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund." *Passed by a majority vote.*

- Article 24** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to be used for the purpose of demolishing and removing dangerous, vacant and abandoned buildings; *or act in relation thereto.*

No Motion, No Action

- Article 25** To see if the Town will vote to reimburse the Stabilization Account from money received from New England Equestrian Land Management Conservation Corporation for the construction of a road in the Equestrian Park for vehicle traffic as voted at the June 13, 2011 Annual Town Meeting; *or act in relation thereto.*

VOTE: On the Motion of Ben Feldman, it was **VOTED:** That the Town reimburse the Stabilization Account from money received from New England Equestrian Land Management Conservation Corporation for the construction of a road in the Equestrian Park for vehicle traffic as voted at the June 13, 2011 Annual Town Meeting. *2/3rd's voter required. The vote was 82 yes and 0 no.*

- Article 26** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or dispose of surplus property, by auction, or other legal means the following parcels of land as defined by the Athol Assessor's records and recorded at the Worcester Registry of Deeds:

Gulf Road: Map 2, Lot 32 / Book 42548, Page 389
Gulf Road: Map 2, Lot 29 / Book 5031, Page 103
Templeton Road: Map 44, Lot 1 / Book 1836, Page 133
; *or act in relation thereto.*

VOTE: On the Motion of Paul Nelson, it was **VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or dispose of surplus property, by auction, or other legal means the following parcels of land as defined by the Athol Assessor's records and recorded at the Worcester Registry of Deeds as printed in the warrant above. *Passed by a majority vote.*

- Article 27** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Ambulance Reserve Fund for the purpose of sending two firefighters / EMT's to the Paramedic Certificate Program at Greenfield Community College; *or act in relation thereto.*

VOTE: On the Motion of Gary Deyo, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$10,000 from the Ambulance Reserve Fund for the

purpose of sending two firefighters / EMT's to the Paramedic Certificate Program. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 28 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for special legislation relative to establishing group health insurance benefits for active employees and retirees of the town of Athol, or take any action in relation thereto.

VOTE: On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for special legislation relative to group health insurance benefits for eligible active employees and retirees in the form set forth below, provided, however that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition: *Passed by a majority vote.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PROVISION OF GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS IN THE TOWN OF ATHOL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

Section 1. Effective July 1, 2015, and notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 32B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Athol may provide the following different subsidiary or additional contribution rates to the different groups or classes of employees identified below whom are eligible under said Chapter 32B to participate in the Town's contributory group health insurance plans:

Employees hired prior to July 1, 2015:

<u>Plan Type</u>	<u>Town Contribution</u>	<u>Employee Contribution</u>
HMO plan	78 %	22 %
PPO plan	75 %	25 %

Employees hired on or after July 1, 2015:

<u>Plan Type</u>	<u>Town Contribution</u>	<u>Employee Contribution</u>
HMO plan	70 %	30 %
PPO plan	65 %	35 %

Should an employee become separated from service with the Town of Athol for any reason other than involuntary layoff and later return to the Town's employ, the employee's most recent date of hire shall be used for purposes of determining the applicable contribution rate under this section. In the event that the returning employee's separation was the result of an involuntary layoff, the employee shall contribute at the same rate that the employee was contributing at when the layoff was imposed.

Section 2(a). Effective July 1, 2015, and notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 32B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Athol may provide different subsidiary or additional contribution rates to different groups or classes of retirees whom are eligible under said Chapter 32B to participate in the Town's contributory group health insurance plans. The percentage amount to be contributed by individuals who retired prior to the July 1, 2015 effective date of this Act shall be 22% for an HMO type plan and 25% for a PPO type plan. The percentage amount to be contributed toward a given type of plan by any individual whom retires on or after July 1, 2015 shall be the same percentage that the retiree was contributing toward that same type of plan as an active employee immediately prior to his or her retirement. In the event that the retiree elects to enroll in a type of plan that is different from the one that the retiree was enrolled in as an active employee immediately prior to his or her retirement, the percentage amount to be contributed by the retiree shall be equal to the percentage that the retiree would have contributed at had the retiree been enrolled in the given plan type while still serving as an active employee.

(b) A retiree, spouse or dependent insured or eligible to be insured under said Chapter 32B whom is required by section 18A of chapter 32B to transfer to a Medicare health plan offered by the Town of Athol under section 11C or section 16 of said Chapter 32B shall contribute to the premiums of said Medicare plan at 25% and the Town of Athol shall contribute the remaining 75%.

Section 3. Nothing herein shall preclude the Town of Athol from making changes to the employee/retiree groups and contribution rates identified above, subject to approval by the General Court in accordance with the Home Rule Procedures Act, Chapter 43B of the General Laws, or the Home Rule Amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution.

Section 4. This act shall take effect on and be retroactive to July 1, 2015.

Article 29 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money to the stabilization account; *or act in relation thereto.*

No Motion, No Action

Meeting dissolved at 7:50 p.m.

A True Copy, Attest:

Nancy E. Burnham
Town Clerk

CHAPTER SEVEN SCHOOLS

Reports of the Athol Royalston
Regional School District &
Montachusett Regional Vocational
Technical School



ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR (FY15)

The Athol-Royalston Regional School District (ARRSD) presents this report to the citizens of Athol and Royalston. This report will be organized in a slightly different format than it has been in the past. The report will have three main sections: Students, Curriculum & Instruction, and Finance & Facilities. This format has been chosen in an effort to best communicate who we serve, how we serve them, and the resources used to do so.

STUDENTS

THE CLASS OF 2015

The graduating class of 2015 represents the results of the cumulative efforts of the school system and the community. Seventy-three (73) students graduated from Athol High School (AHS) on June 7, 2015. Of these 73 graduates, 58 of them (80%) went on to attend either a two or four year college. The following is a list of the colleges in which AHS students were accepted with colleges AHS students attended in bold:

Anna Maria College	Franklin Pierce College	Southern Vermont College
Assumption College	Green Mountain College	Springfield College
Babson College	Greenfield Community College	Stonehill College
Becker College	Hollins University	University of Maryland
Bentley College	Maine Maritime Academy	University of Hartford
Bowdoin College	Merrimack College	University of Hawaii
Bridgewater State College	Montserrat College of Art	University of Maine
Bryant University	Mount Wachusett Community College	University of Massachusetts - Amherst
Champlain College	Mt. Holyoke College	University of Massachusetts - Boston
Clark University	Mt. Ida College	University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth
Colby College	Nichols College	University of Massachusetts - Lowell
College of the Holy Cross	North Eastern University	University of New Hampshire
Curry College	Northpoint Bible College	University of Vermont
Eastern Nazarene	Pennsylvania State University	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Eastern University	Purdue University	Western New England University
Emerson College	Rochester Institute of Technology	Westfield State University
Endicott College	Sacred Heart College	Westminster College
Fisher College	St. Anselm College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Fitchburg State University	Salem State University	Worcester State University
Framingham State University	Simmons College	

THE STUDENT POPULATION

The district enrollment in FY15 was 1,412 students. This was a decrease of 25 students from FY14. This figure represents 82.14% of the students in Athol and Royalston who count towards the district's foundation budget. In FY15 the number of students who elected to choice out to another district increased from 335 to 367. However, the number of students who elected to choice into the district also increased from 39 to 57. This resulted in a net choice out of 310 students in FY15.

During the 2014-2015 school year, 43.7 percent of the student body was classified as economically disadvantaged. This number represents 617 students who are classified in this category based on qualifying for free or reduced lunch or because they receive a qualified support service through the state.

Special Education Students

The District served 394 students with special needs age 3 to 22 during the 2014-2015 school year. This represents 27.6 percent of the total student population. The District follows all state and federal regulations requiring a full continuum of services for students to ensure access to the general education curriculum. Approximately 47 students are served in Out of District (OOD) placements due to their intensive instructional, physical and/or emotional needs. Extended year services for approximately 50 students prevent significant regression in their academic and/or social-emotional skills over the summer break.

English Language Learners

During the 2014-2015 school year, ARRSB had 21 students (1.5%), grades pre-k – 12, spread over 5 schools, who qualify for direct English language instruction according to state and federal laws. For the majority, Spanish is the first language, but Portuguese, Gujarati, Chinese and Vietnamese are also represented. These students receive services from a licensed E.S.L. teacher. There are also several students who have exited the English language learner program and are monitored to make sure they are succeeding socially and academically in grade level courses. Student progress is formally measured by the annual ACCESS test as well as the MCAS test, and while there are sizable individual fluctuations in growth rates, there is general growth.

For the past 3 years, the district has been a participant in the RETELL initiative. It has offered several DESE funded, on-site, graduate-level courses for all math, social studies, reading, special education, English/language arts and science teachers in the district. These courses stress best practices for teaching the limited English students at all levels of fluency in their classrooms. Over 65 teachers and administrators in the district have taken the training. Not only are these strategies shown to be excellent for English Language Learners, they are also excellent for all students who enter school with limited vocabulary and insufficient expressive language. These methods dovetail well with the Common Core requirements and other district initiatives, such as Reader's Workshop and Loony Math. Through the RETELL initiative, all teachers are now consciously language teachers while they teach their content, which should benefit many language-limited students in the ARRSB.

The ELL program continues to incorporate the assets which multi-language speakers bring to our schools. During the past winter it ran a recess Spanish Club at Riverbend School where the Spanish speaking students were the "teachers." There is an English class for parents and community members as well where adult speakers of other languages can network and connect to the schools and greater community. The annual Multicultural Festival at the middle school, where classes and families celebrate heritage and investigate global issues, will be held on June 9 from 6:30 - 8 pm.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

For the 2014-2015 school year, ARRSB was classified as a level 4 district. The Riverbend-Sanders Street School was classified as a level 4 school and thus the district becomes level 4. All of the other schools in the district were level 3 schools. Level 3 schools are those schools in the lowest 20% of the state. While the district's MCAS scores were still below the state average, the district-wide growth for students was in the normal range (43rd percentile for ELA and 44th percentile for Math)

Almost 49 percent of the class of 2015 took at least one AP course; this is higher than the state average of 39.7 percent. Overall, 70 students at AHS took a total of 128 AP exams. Two AHS students were recognized as AP scholars in 2015 and one AHS student was recognized as an AP scholar with distinction. The 2015 AHS SAT scores were 480 on the Reading, 463 on the Writing, and 483 on the math. These are below the state averages of 508, 497, and 521 respectively.

EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES

In 2014-2015 AHS began an honors academy. This is a program that focuses on community service and college readiness by working with students to have them research, propose, and implement a community service project during their high school career. Eighth grade students were able to apply for entrance into the honors academy. The initial class had 16 students accepted and enrolled in the honors academy.

The 2014-2015 school year was also the first year for the Athol Early College Experience. This program is a partnership between Athol and Mount Wachusett Community College in which a limited number of AHS students could apply to become full-time dual enrollment students at MWCC working on both their associates degree and high school diploma. While participating in this program students are still enrolled at AHS and are able to participate in AHS extra-curricular activities. Upon completion, they will receive an AHS diploma.

The new AHS schedule implement in 2014-2015 created an intervention period to help provide time to meet individual student needs as well as an advisory and a fixed last period of the day. The goal of the fixed last period is to increase the ability of the school to interact with the community and expand the amount of vocational and internship opportunities available to the students.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

During the 2014-2015 school year there were two drama productions at AHS. The fall play was *A Play about a Dragon*, and the spring musical was *The Wedding Singer*. Additionally, in June the drama club assisted with the elementary production of *Xanadu Junior*.

In addition to the drama club at AHS, there are a variety of other clubs such as: A-Z Club (G.S.A.), best buddies, catalyst group, environmental club, math team, national honor society, student council, training active bystanders, and the 84 group. Additionally, Chris Herron visited AHS in 2014 and that led to AHS's participation in Project Purple.

In terms of athletics, there were not many changes during the 2014-2015 school year. A full list of participation including the records of each team and if they qualified for the post season tournament can be found following this report.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

ARRSD is taking major steps to work towards improving the academic achievement of the students and improve the overall quality of education that we offer. The following are some of the steps that have been taken to facilitate our improvement efforts.

Strategic Plan

Throughout the 2014-2015 school year, administrators, teachers, parents, community members, and students met to develop a new five year strategic plan for the district. This plan was voted on and accepted by the school committee in June of 2015. The strategic plan is broken down into the following areas: Student Achievement, Funding and Finance, Community Partnerships, Facilities, Leadership and Human Resources, Climate and Culture, and Technology. This plan will guide our work as we continue to move forward as a district as we enter the 2015-2016 school year.

Turnaround Plan

The turnaround plan for Riverbend-Sanders Street was written at the end of the 2013-2014 school year and saw its first full year of implementation during the 2014-2015 school year. This plan called for radically changing the way

in which the district approached both literacy and math instruction at the elementary level. The steps in the turnaround plan were adopted as the school improvement plans for each of the elementary schools to ensure consistency across the district.

Literacy Professional Development

To improve the way in which we teach literacy, Teachers for Teachers was contracted as our literacy consultant. Teachers for Teachers worked with the staff regularly throughout the entire 2014-2015 school year to begin working on how to assess students reading levels and how to implement the Readers Workshop model from both a curriculum and instructional standpoint. This work has continued into the 2015-2016 school year and will continue at least through the 2016-2017 school year.

Math Professional Development

In order to address the way we were teaching math, Looney Math Consulting was contracted as our mathematics consultant. Looney math consultants met with the elementary staff on a regular basis during the 2014-2015 school year to focus on both the content and instructional strategies for teaching the content in the curriculum frameworks. The Eureka math program was adopted as the program to support our mathematics curriculum. A parent night was held in the fall of 2014 to help explain the components of the new math program. Additionally, in the spring of 2015, consultants from Looney Math began working in the middle school as well, to help begin the process of vertical alignment in the math curriculum.

District and School Assistance Centers

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) District and School Assistance Centers (DSAC) are also key partners in our continued improvement efforts. Working with DSAC we began to implement learning walks and to focus on tiered systems of support. DSAC assists the district at all levels. DSAC is the assistance branch of the DESE, and we work with them to help us identify areas of concern and then to build the capacity to address these areas.

Technology

In preparing students to meet the demands of the core curriculum and the state standards for integrating technology in education, the ARRSd technology department updated its goals based on classroom needs and creative use of available hardware and software. Technology serves students, teachers and administration as a necessary tool in accomplishing their daily work in a cost effective manner. The goals leverage the way in which new and donated equipment can best be utilized to support the diverse and varied learning and teaching environment.

The technology department has partnered with many resources across the northeast for additional computers, monitors, interactive whiteboards, projectors, printers, WiFi and other equipment on a donation basis. Many donations are brought up to current performance specifications through modifying and adding internal components. Additionally, grants have been secured to purchase ninety (90) new laptops for elementary student use. These are used daily for math and ELA instruction among other curriculum pieces. They also serve for on-line assessments. Older computers and operating systems are being phased out and replaced by newer and faster effective systems.

The beginning of the academic year saw the implementation of MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessments for grades K-11 that measure academic progress of students' learning through an on-line portal three times a year. These "snapshots" are able to give teachers and administrators more immediate feedback guiding how curriculum delivery should be adjusted to meet the students' needs and can translate to better student learning.

Teachers continue to use tablet technology to gather evidence of their teaching practice and gather examples and evidence for the teacher evaluation system. Administration is able to meet and work with teachers using feedback through this technology.

The Family Portal website continues to be a source of immediate student information for family members and encourages interactivity between families and teachers. This past year, more families have been connected to their students' assignments, projects and grades on a timely basis.

We need to note that the District has little to no funds in its annual budget to buy, lease or refresh technology. All technology improvements are the result of donations and grants, when available, to the District.

FINANCE & FACILITIES

Finances

The operating budget for FY15 was approved at \$23,252,470. This was presented as a balanced budget in which anticipated revenues and expenses would match. The actual expenditures were \$22,247,177 and the actual revenues were \$23,522,811. This resulted in a positive balance that the district was able to carry forward in the excess and deficiency account. Overall, the FY15 budget represented an increase of 3.18% from the FY14 budget. This increase covered contractual increases and rising costs in health care. There were also some savings realized from the drop in oil prices. There were also significant changes to the amount of prep time that teachers received that were implemented during the FY15 school year. These changes allowed for more efficient use of staff and resulted in some reductions in force as a consequence. Complete FY15 financial statements and salaries will follow this report.

Grants

In addition to the operating budget, ARRSD receives additional grant funding. Last year ARRSD received \$1,006,634 in entitlement allocations. These funds were primarily used for special education services, title I interventions, and professional development. All of these funds must be spent according to the restrictions placed on them by the particular grant. Grant funds must be used to supplement the budget, not to supplant existing expenses that the district has for its regular programming.

Facilities

Construction at the new Athol Community Elementary School (ACES) began during FY15. This school is going to be a state of the art modern facility completely outfitted with modern technology. This building is scheduled to open in August of 2016 and it will replace all of the existing Athol elementary schools. The opening of this school will reduce the buildings in the district to four. Three of these four buildings can be classified as modern facilities that promote student learning. Athol High School is the facility that will need to be the focus of our improvements and renovations once ACES opens.

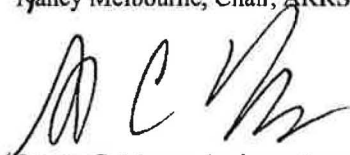
COMMUNICATION

Please go to the ARRSD website at www.arrsd.org for more information. You can find recent news, contact information, reports from the state and other agencies, and school committee agendas and minutes there. Additionally, you can follow the ARRSD on our Facebook Page: go to <https://www.facebook.com> and search for Athol-Royalston Regional School District. Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the office of the superintendent at (978) 249-2400.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nancy Melbourne, Chair, ARRSD School Committee



Steven C. Meyer, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, ASSRD

Athol-Royalston Regional School District
2014-2015 School Year
Athletic Department Report

INTERSCHOLASTIC TEAMS

	VARSITY	Participants	Paid Coaches	Volunteer Coaches	Record	Tournament Appearance
1	Football	18	2	0	5-6	No
2	Boys Soccer	15	1	1	9-9-2	Yes
3	Girls Soccer	18	1	0	8-9-2	Yes
4	** Girls Volleyball	11	1	0	18-4	Yes
5	Field Hockey	13	1	0	0-18	No
6	Football Cheerleading	12	1	0	n/a	n/a
7	Boys Basketball	9	1	0	3-17	No
8	** Girls Basketball	10	1	0	18-5	Yes
9	Wrestling	17	1	1	7-16-1	n/a
10	Winter Cheerleading	13	1	0	n/a	n/a
11	Boys Indoor Track	16	1	0	1-8	n/a
12	Girls Indoor Track	16	1	0	2-8	n/a
13	Baseball	11	1	1	5-15	No
14	Softball	12	1	1	14-7	Yes
15	** Boys Volleyball	14	1	1	16-4	Yes
16	Boys Track and Field	23	2	0	0-9	n/a
17	Girls Track and Field	14	1	0	1-7	n/a
**	League Champions	220	18	7		

JUNIOR VARSITY

1	Football	15	1	0
2	Boys Soccer	16	1	0
3	Girls Soccer	16	1	0
4	Girls Volleyball	14	1	0
5	Field Hockey	0	0	0
6	Boys Basketball	11	1	0
7	Girls Basketball	15	1	0
8	Baseball	13	1	0
9	Softball	13	1	0
10	Boys Volleyball	12	1	0
		116	10	0

MIDDLE SCHOOL

1	Football	38	2	1
2	Boys Soccer	13	1	0
3	Girls Soccer	18	1	0
4	Field Hockey	14	1	0
5	Boys Basketball	16	1	0
6	Girls Basketball	12	1	1
7	Winter Cheerleading	13	1	0
8	Baseball	15	1	0
9	Softball	15	1	0
10	Track and Field	28	1	0
		182	11	2

ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2015

	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets			
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 4,298,275	\$ 805,714	\$ 5,103,989
Investments	-	24,254	24,254
Receivables:			
Intergovernmental	59,489	293,804	353,293
Total Assets	\$ 4,357,764	\$ 1,123,772	\$ 5,481,536
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities			
Warrants payable	\$ 504,779	\$ 106,829	\$ 611,608
Accrued payroll and withholdings	1,505,981	-	1,505,981
Other liabilities	281	-	281
Total Liabilities	2,011,041	106,829	2,117,870
Fund Balances			
Nonspendable	339,516	-	339,516
Restricted:	-		1,028,737
Circuit Breaker		346,594	346,594
School Lunch		2,180	2,180
School Choice		475,079	475,079
Out of District Tuition		71,254	71,254
Athletic Revolving		58,828	58,828
Miscellaneous Revolving		43,989	43,989
Bonded Projects		4,488	4,488
Expendable Permanent Funds		26,325	26,325
Assigned:		-	
For Next Year's Expenditures	500,000		500,000
Encumbrances	411,837		411,837
Unassigned	1,095,370	(11,794)	1,083,576
Total Fund Balances	2,346,723	1,016,943	3,363,666
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 4,357,764	\$ 1,123,772	\$ 5,481,536

Name (FY15)	Gross Wages
ADAMS, JENNIFER L	\$ 675.00
ALLEN, EILEEN R	\$ 62,122.81
ALLEN, TERESA M	\$ 25,999.65
ALVAREZ, ANNETTE	\$ 3,255.07
AMES, JENNIFER L	\$ 69,371.48
ANDERSON, BARBARA L	\$ 53,904.06
ANDERSON, KURT M	\$ 56,009.40
ARES, DANIELLE J	\$ 3,288.41
ARNOLD, ELEANOR M.J.	\$ 38,614.38
ARPIDE, JENNIFER L	\$ 54,669.67
BACIGALUPO, BONNIE L	\$ 21,716.41
BAILEY, CHRISTINE M	\$ 1,320.00
BALZARINI, HENRY L	\$ 5,415.00
BANNISTER, COLLEEN A	\$ 3,459.25
BARRUS, SHIRLEY M	\$ 375.00
BARTLETT, LYDIA L	\$ 61,865.80
BASSO, JENNIFER A	\$ 190.00
BELDEN, DEVIN A	\$ 225.00
BELLUARDO-COBB, SUZANNE E	\$ 975.00
BENJAMIN, BONNIE B	\$ 89,181.70
BERGERON, DEBRA M	\$ 71,095.75
BERGQUIST DARLING, LORI S	\$ 11,675.94
BERLINGER, JOHN A	\$ 44,519.44
BERNARD, LORRAINE M	\$ 75.00
BERRY, JILL E	\$ 9,551.57
BERTHIAUME, NANCY E	\$ 2,860.00
BERTRAND, LAUREEN G	\$ 73,155.53
BEVIS, DANIEL R	\$ 60,650.88
BEZIO, JOYCE I	\$ 14,390.72
BIANCHI, HEATHER J	\$ 3,959.38
BILLINGHAM, DIANE L	\$ 39,463.20
BILLINGHAM, GEOFFREY J	\$ 2,119.58
BLAKE, KATHLEEN M	\$ 40,111.40
BLANKENSHIP, ANDREA M	\$ 76.35
BLASCO, MAUREEN G	\$ 1,935.30
BODINE, BONNIE J	\$ 66,815.06
BOORE, MONICA R	\$ 34,263.97
BOUCHER, BRIAN D	\$ 2,206.85
BOUDREAU, SAMANTHA A	\$ 2,583.36
BOUTELL, DONNA	\$ 22,366.20

BRAILEY, JENNIFER MARIE	\$ 6,751.92
BRENNAN, LINDA A	\$ 6,875.78
BRIGGS, DONNA M	\$ 30,681.54
BRIGHTI, MARY J	\$ 6,655.75
BROUILLET, ERICA S	\$ 2,336.70
BROWN, CAROLYN A	\$ 19,464.63
BULGER, CHERILYN A	\$ 19,595.65
BUTLAND, BRENDA A	\$ 44,273.35
BYARS, BIANCA J	\$ 375.00
BYRNE-BEGIN, KATHERINE T	\$ 74,159.95
CALDWELL, WILLIAM J	\$ 39,975.81
CALVI, MYRA J	\$ 76,051.95
CARANFA, PAMELA M	\$ 150.00
CARNIE, MARY C	\$ 8,259.50
CARR, AARON D	\$ 693.92
CASELLA, MARY K	\$ 18,785.39
CASTONGUAY, MARCIA A	\$ 17,605.46
CASTONGUAY, SARA L	\$ 5,066.42
CETTO, HOLLY A	\$ 60,808.09
CHADWICK, CASEY L	\$ 40,034.01
CHAGNON, MELISSA L	\$ 3,360.00
CHAMBERLAIN, JESSEE J	\$ 3,761.02
CHAMBERLAIN, RACHAEL M	\$ 38,419.20
CHANAKI, KAREN G	\$ 43,557.68
CHASE, ELLEN M	\$ 22,685.44
CHAUVETTE, SHARON A	\$ 29,422.05
CHIASSON, SCOTT A	\$ 41,176.50
CLARK, SARAH A	\$ 225.00
CLEVELAND, TIMOTHY L	\$ 3,459.25
CLIFFORD, PAUL P	\$ 7,175.55
COLE, HOLLY S	\$ 49,062.21
COLEMAN, ALISHA M	\$ 44,979.40
COLMENARES, KATHY J	\$ 79,573.75
CROSBY, LAURA I	\$ 23,764.21
CROSS, STEPHANIE C	\$ 4,371.26
CURRIE, SARAH C	\$ 150.00
CUTLER, MONA L	\$ 1,304.84
DEASY, MICHAEL J	\$ 73,962.66
DEVAULT, BUNI B	\$ 22,297.94
DEVAULT, JOSHUA L	\$ 2,512.50
DEVENEAU, ANGELA J	\$ 23,810.93

DEWITT, JESSICA M	\$ 2,793.37
DICKSON, ROBERT	\$ 72,550.48
DIVOLL, REBECCA J	\$ 21,204.71
DOBSON, RYAN E	\$ 1,399.86
DONOVAN, JASON P	\$ 3,992.53
DONOVAN, LAUREN E	\$ 32,859.76
DRAZEK, ALLISON M	\$ 573.75
DREW, CYNTHIA L	\$ 72,157.82
DROUIN, CINDY E	\$ 74,080.32
DUFOUR, KATHLEEN C	\$ 7,700.37
DUGAS, DIANNA E	\$ 1,734.28
DUPLESSIS, SCOTT A	\$ 40,085.25
EASTMAN, DEBRA A	\$ 74,757.47
EDMONDS, GRACEMARIE S	\$ 18,933.80
EGAN MD, RONALD D	\$ 5,387.00
ELIASZ, CHRISTINE L	\$ 72,751.95
ELLIS, DIANNE M	\$ 92,901.60
ELLIS, LISA M	\$ 20,239.08
ELLISON, NICHOLAS S	\$ 750.00
ERICKSON, KRISTIN M	\$ 8,056.56
ERICKSON, PATRICIA	\$ 39,463.20
ERVIN, ELIZABETH N	\$ 120,000.00
EUVRARD, SHARON L	\$ 55,891.70
FERRANTI, JEFFREY L	\$ 109,273.00
FISHER, NATHAN	\$ 1,399.86
FLAGG, APRIL L	\$ 2,786.22
FOSTER, THERESA L	\$ 24,145.88
FRANCK, BARBARA	\$ 69,443.44
FRASER, GENEVIEVE C	\$ 1,987.50
FRASER, RACHELLE	\$ 4,145.00
GABRENAS, JOSHUA P	\$ 36,690.16
GABRENAS, JOYCE	\$ 32,366.22
GAIGNARD, HYMELOD E	\$ 1,425.00
GAMBILL, TRACY L	\$ 7,273.87
GATAUTIS, SUSAN R	\$ 2,523.75
GATES, TABATHA E	\$ 933.60
GAUVIN, MATTHEW	\$ 10,423.09
GESNER, LAURA A	\$ 46,892.33
GIANCATERINO, JENNIFER L	\$ 45,109.21
GIROUARD, ERIN J	\$ 59,468.73
GLADDEN, COLLEEN R	\$ 22,461.08

GLATCZAK, BRITTANY R	\$ 1,259.87
GODIN, DEBBIE J	\$ 51,612.89
GOLDTHWAITE, DARLENE E	\$ 74,988.09
GOSPODAREK, ELIZABETH A	\$ 66,693.12
GRAHAM, MELISSA S	\$ 52,800.87
GRAHAM, SHEILA L	\$ 2,748.75
GRANQUIST, JOSHUA M	\$ 1,200.00
GROSKY, ANNE E	\$ 19,233.69
GRUTCHFIELD, MARY SCHISSEL	\$ 70,780.17
GUILBAULT, PETER B	\$ 23,149.31
HACHEY, HEATHER MARIE	\$ 5,662.50
HAGER, CYNTHIA C	\$ 24,800.20
HAINS, FRANK E	\$ 85,438.18
HALL, GARRETT H	\$ 1,399.86
HALL, SHEILA D	\$ 60,834.15
HANDY, MARIE JANE	\$ 105,328.00
HAUSE, BENJAMIN J	\$ 34,171.80
HAYDOCY, TERRI-LYNNE	\$ 21,406.66
HEATH, TRAVIS K	\$ 1,399.86
HERK, BRADLEY F	\$ 385.11
HERK, HEIDI A	\$ 11,984.64
HERK, TIMOTHY M	\$ 2,102.82
HEUER, HEIDI S	\$ 70,881.05
HEYMANN, KIMBERLY M	\$ 36,058.44
HOLDEN, JENNIFER A	\$ 900.00
HOPKINS, BRENDA J	\$ 19,120.46
HORRIGAN, KATHLEEN E	\$ 16,325.99
HUBBLE, JENNIFER C	\$ 8,165.14
HUGHES, CYNTHIA A	\$ 40,813.20
HUGHES, MARGERY E	\$ 62,750.61
HUME, ELIZABETH A	\$ 9,351.66
HUME, JAIME D	\$ 42,499.84
HUME, LORNE K	\$ 20,499.55
HUNTER, ELLY T	\$ 70,902.72
HUNTER, SCOTT A	\$ 71,812.63
JACKSON, LINDA A	\$ 6,796.42
JASKOVIK, LINDA L	\$ 73,990.17
JEFFERY, BRANDON J	\$ 3,866.28
JELLEY, CHERYL A	\$ 61,474.09
JENNINGS, LAURIE J	\$ 8,145.50
JOHNSON, TRACY E	\$ 59,277.26

JOHNSON, VICKI L	\$ 4,924.76
JOHNSTONE, SHERRY A	\$ 24,176.43
JOLLY, TREFFLE J	\$ 2,962.50
JONES, LEAH M	\$ 72,555.63
JOYCE, ALISON L	\$ 13,581.25
KILHART, KATHLYN L	\$ 570.00
KIMBALL, RICHARD E JR	\$ 46,469.27
KING, AMANDA M	\$ 7,230.88
KING, DAVID P	\$ 108,535.44
KING, DENISE M	\$ 11,353.10
KING, SARAH S	\$ 62,624.11
KITZMILLER, ANGELA C	\$ 33,524.80
KLANSEK, THOMAS W	\$ 36,388.75
KNECHTEL, SALLI A	\$ 38,770.05
KOLICK, JOANN	\$ 1,924.04
KOZIAK, AMY-BETH	\$ 67,266.70
KOZIOL, DEBORAH A	\$ 4,400.00
LABOMBARDE, PATRICIA A	\$ 91,459.64
LAFOUNTAIN, LAURA P	\$ 2,043.64
LAJOIE, DONNA R	\$ 76,167.00
LAJOIE, MARIE A	\$ 32,054.40
LAROCHE, JENNIFER	\$ 64,976.21
LAROSE, WILLIAM P	\$ 80,115.21
LATHAM, KAYLA A	\$ 11,417.10
LATOUR, JANET P	\$ 11,353.75
LAWRENCE, ROSE I	\$ 32,366.22
LAWTON, MARLENE A	\$ 48,384.90
LEANDER, MICHAEL S	\$ 13,846.16
LEBLANC, DIAN M	\$ 6,675.00
LEBLANC, NICOLE C	\$ 4,013.77
LEESHA, KIMBERLY M	\$ 55,568.93
LEWANDOWSKI-HARDING, TINA M	\$ 72,467.57
LIDDY, JEAN M	\$ 26,164.90
LITCHFIELD, NANCY L	\$ 10,226.10
MACKINNON, KERI A	\$ 65,986.46
MAGAZU, AIMEE	\$ 76,467.47
MAGEE, ROSEMARY	\$ 76,951.95
MAILLET, VICKI M	\$ 58,981.10
MALLET, DAYNA R	\$ 19,281.04
MANN, THERESA L	\$ 23,501.12
MARTIN, SUZANNE L	\$ 25,178.63

MARYNOK, JULIE M	\$ 60,595.83
MAY, GINGER L	\$ 300.00
MCBRIDE, TAMMY	\$ 31,285.46
MCCARTHY, DONNA M	\$ 63,121.98
MCDONALD, SHARON S	\$ 69,573.67
MCGRATH, PAMELA J	\$ 23,744.96
MCGUIRK, BETTY J	\$ 7,994.57
MCLAUGHLIN, MARYELLEN A	\$ 71,206.35
MCSWEENEY, VIRGINIA M	\$ 183.24
MELANSON, CORINNE M	\$ 61.08
MELANSON, DEANNA M	\$ 20,332.33
MELANSON, VICTOR G	\$ 27,888.82
MELUS, CATELYNN D	\$ 7,018.99
MERRON, BERNADETTE H	\$ 68,533.15
MERRON, KYLE M	\$ 3,087.75
MERWIN, LINDA M	\$ 26,528.10
MEUNIER, LUKE D	\$ 2,962.50
MEYER, STEVEN C	\$ 122,376.00
MILLER, MARY ANN	\$ 76,561.70
MOOMAW, CHRISTINA GRACE	\$ 8,717.78
MORRIS, CLAIRE A	\$ 24,592.13
MOSALL, ALISON M	\$ 52,420.31
MOSQUERA, NADINE A	\$ 1,043.45
MUZZY, MELISSA A	\$ 28,554.92
NEEDLE, JENNIFER E	\$ 366.48
NEEDLE, JOSEPH G	\$ 51,290.50
NEEDLE, KELLYANN	\$ 5,486.79
NEWTON, BONNEY J	\$ 26,857.64
NYE, AMANDA J	\$ 600.00
OLSEN, JEANNE M	\$ 19,658.97
OTTO, KAREN S	\$ 72,141.77
PAGAR WEIN, AMANDA BETH	\$ 64,663.17
PANDISCIO, NATALIE J	\$ 375.00
PARKER, AMBER M	\$ 5,555.81
PARKER, CHERYL A	\$ 28,300.54
PARKER, RENEE A	\$ 20,455.25
PARKER, SAMANTHA L	\$ 300.00
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PARTRIDGE, JEAN S	\$ 10,492.86
PATRIA, BRIAN E	\$ 2,102.82

PEREZ, MELISSA J	\$ 82,883.54
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PIERCE, SUSAN M	\$ 57,293.53
PIEROPAN DETHIER, MARIA D	\$ 76,330.78
PIRAGIS, DEBORAH M	\$ 63,212.70
PISCITELLO, ALECIA M	\$ 66,838.11
PISTORINO, JULIE	\$ 69,035.94
PLOTKIN, CORLENA M	\$ 70,056.25
POLITO, ANTHONY T	\$ 177,650.00
POLLARD, JUDITH M	\$ 18,899.59
PORTER, BRENDA J	\$ 7,169.27
POWERS, ANN M	\$ 1,800.00
PROGEN, SHAWN T	\$ 38,520.60
PROVENCHER, KATHLEEN	\$ 16,698.27
PROVOST, LOIS C	\$ 11,003.94
QUINTON, JOSEPH P	\$ 76,836.23
QUINTON, SALLY A	\$ 69,861.05
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RATHBURN, KELLY L	\$ 800.25
RATHBURN, MARK A	\$ 24,484.96
RAYMOND, CAROL	\$ 1,145.00
REARDON, ELAINE A	\$ 70,060.99
REED, GRACE M	\$ 19,663.90
REXROAD, KAREN	\$ 25,174.57
RIBEIRO, JASMINE L	\$ 50,211.00
RICHARDSON, JANET R	\$ 73,907.57
RIX, DENISE M	\$ 24,919.64
ROBERTS, ANN-MARIE	\$ 33,832.48
ROBERTSON, ANDREA C	\$ 10,415.78
ROBERTSON, ROBERT E	\$ 3,459.25
ROBERTSON, ROBYN C	\$ 69,664.94
ROBERTSON, RUTH K	\$ 2,924.96
ROBIDEAU, RACHEL M	\$ 1,464.57
ROBINSON, LAURA L	\$ 71,571.75
ROBINSON, LINDA A	\$ 75,714.87
ROGERS, CAROL	\$ 34,151.22
ROGERS, KEVIN A	\$ 67,263.34
ROLSKI, DEBORAH L	\$ 10,462.50
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ROULEAU, CHRISTINE M	\$ 18,807.05
ROULEAU, MICHAEL R	\$ 450.00

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ROULEAU, THERESA A	\$ 21,177.72
ROY, ANNE M	\$ 14,090.85
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SAISA, PHILLIP E	\$ 4,434.91
SANDRELLI, CATHERINE L	\$ 75.00
SAWIN, JOY D	\$ 21,748.90
SCHWAB REHORKA, RACHEL A	\$ 69,860.83
SEPPALA, CARL W	\$ 66,749.20
SHAUGHNESSY, MEGAN E	\$ 1,556.42
SHERIDAN, DENIELLE K	\$ 4,225.84
SHERIDAN, ROBERT L II	\$ 24,672.17
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STANLEY, JULIE A	\$ 62,365.04
STARKEY, CHARLES D	\$ 41,845.80
STEVE, KATHRYN A	\$ 77,046.25
STEWART, ASHLEY TM	\$ 2,287.50
STIMSON, CYNTHIA C	\$ 70,931.75
STJEAN, DAVID D	\$ 76,451.77
STJEAN, EILEEN M	\$ 74,542.10
STONE, BARBARA C	\$ 506.25
STONE, SALLY A	\$ 76,626.95
STOPEN, LYNNE E	\$ 73,679.71
STROM, NANCY L	\$ 254.50
SUPERCHI, MOLLY J	\$ 77,483.00
TADDEO, ANTHONY S	\$ 41,707.15
TALBOT, GWEN L	\$ 24,205.61
TALBOT, JOSHUA M	\$ 3,053.23
TAMULEVICH, CHRISTOPHER W	\$ 32,602.63
TANDY SONGER, SUSAN R	\$ 73,169.76
TARBELL, LISA A	\$ 18,288.29
TARGETT, KELLEY M	\$ 61,489.64

TAYLOR, AMIE L	\$ 3,900.00
TELICKI, THOMAS D	\$ 97,500.00
TENNEY, LISA A	\$ 69,861.05
THOMPSON, MICHELE E	\$ 75.00
THURBER MORIN, MIKAELA A	\$ 73,191.95
TORAIN, CHANTELE L	\$ 3,048.00
TRASK, JANICE M	\$ 26,432.84
TRIFILO, RAE-ANN E	\$ 22,080.00
TRIOZZI, DAVID M	\$ 71,535.15
TRIOZZI, JACQUELINE	\$ 72,532.47
TRUEHART, ALLISON J	\$ 525.00
TRUEHART, CAITLYN M	\$ 17,119.46
TRUEHART, MADISON P	\$ 3,355.00
TURNER, DAWNA L	\$ 9,291.61
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VALLEY, TINA M	\$ 150.00
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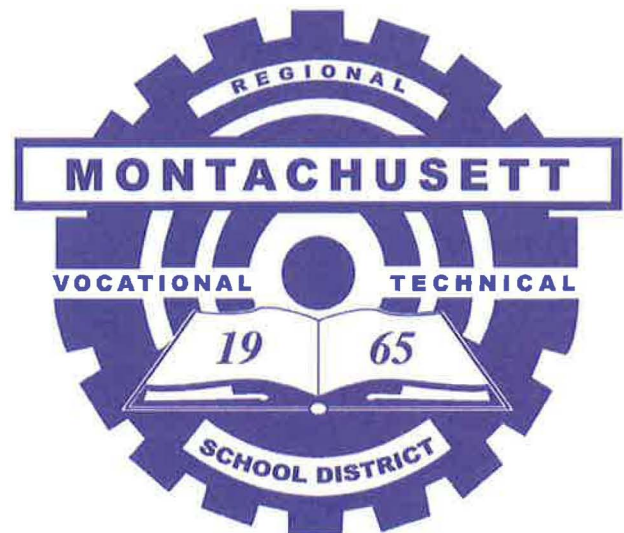
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WILLHITE, JESSICA L	\$ 55,851.23
WILLIAMS, JANETH H	\$ 103,000.00
WILLIAMS, KEITH W	\$ 82,139.83
WINTERS, PATRICIA E	\$ 50,824.81
WINTERS, SUSAN J	\$ 25,322.83
WOESSNER, MICHAEL D	\$ 70,707.65
YORK, JENNIFER L	\$ 2,482.50
ZIGULOSKI, JAMIE L	\$ 18,593.16

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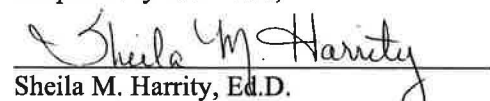
The 2014-2015 school year seemed to come and go in a minute, and yet I would be remiss if I did not take time to reflect upon the numerous achievements our talented students, faculty and staff accomplished throughout the school year. These awards, recognitions, and distinctions are the result of *years* of high quality education and vocational-technical training. They are the hallmark of a Monty Tech education, earned by both individuals and team efforts. While they are, in deed, an honor, they are simply a snapshot of the wonderful experiences happening on a day-to-day basis here at Monty Tech. I am delighted to present the district's 2014-2015 annual report to you, highlighting some of the year's most notable achievements, including:

- A talented team of three Monty Tech Engineering students won the gold medal for Engineering Technology and Design at the SkillsUSA national competitions held in Louisville, KY. Nicholas Wicker of Fitchburg, Leon Gaulin of Winchendon and Devan Kumar, also of Winchendon, led by instructor Dennis Cormier, created a portable game console designed with retro gaming in mind. The team has developed patents on their prize-winning efforts, and continues to expand their business and engineering acumen.
- The Machine Technology program aligned curriculum to MASSMEP (Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership) standards, and as a result students are now able to earn Level 1 and Level 2 Applied Manufacturing Technology Pathway Certifications. Having these certifications will ensure program graduates stand-out when they enter the workforce upon graduation, as employers are better able to verify technical skills and expertise with this widely accepted training model. Also, our instructors are now able to access to manufacturing curriculum developed through Worcester Polytechnic Institute, adding rigor and relevance to our very popular Machine Technology program.
- The Monty Tech Auto Body/ Collision Repair Department was featured in the April 2015 edition of the New England Automotive Report, applauded for its dedication to excellence. Molly Brodeur, President of Alliance of Automotive Service Providers, Massachusetts cited the program's innovative technologies, spacious facilities, and specialized equipment as among the best in New England.
- Outpacing more than 1,000 teams across the United States, and competing in three categories: network security, digital forensics, and Cisco networking, a team of six talented students captured first place at the CyberPatriot event, a national high school cyber defense competition, founded by the Air Force Association.
- Students at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School continued to demonstrate high academic achievement. In the spring of 2015, Monty Tech's passing rate on the MCAS English Language Arts exam was 100%, Mathematics 98%, and Biology 98%.

We are so proud of the educational programs offered here at Monty Tech, yet we continually strive to improve upon them. Collaborating with area colleges and universities, we are ensuring our curriculum and instruction is rigorous and relevant. Sharing best practices with vocational-technical colleagues from across the state – and nation – we give and take some of the best ideas, with one thing in mind – what is best for our students. And what is best, I believe, is preparing students for both college and career.

We hope you will find this report a comprehensive review of the quality education you have come to know and expect from Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School. You may notice that each of the eighteen member cities and towns are reflected in this report, and that students performed services in almost every community last year. Providing our students with an opportunity to give back to the communities that support them – and support our school – is a pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,


Sheila M. Harrity, Ed.D.
Superintendent-Director

Our Mission

Every student will graduate from Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School with the skills, knowledge, and abilities to be a productive and effective member of an ever-changing society.

Our District

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School is a four-year career and technical high school serving the member towns of:

Ashburnham
Ashby
Athol
Barre
Fitchburg
Gardner

Harvard
Holden
Hubbardston
Lunenburg
Petersham
Phillipston

Princeton
Royalston
Sterling
Templeton
Westminster
Winchendon

Leadership

The leadership team at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School is comprised of ten talented administrators whose varied educational backgrounds, professional experiences, and areas of expertise contribute to the success of the school. Working collaboratively, and under the direction of the Superintendent and Principal, the team has been able to transform the school into one of the most sought-after high schools in North Central Massachusetts.

Sheila M. Harrity, Superintendent-Director
Tom Browne, Principal
Tammy Crockett, Business Manager
Kim Curry, Dean of Admissions
Francine Duncan, Director of Technology

Christina Favreau, Director of Academic Programs
Jim Hachey, Director of Vocational Programs
Richard Ikonen, Director of Facilities
Katy Whitaker, Development Coordinator
Victoria Zarozinski, Director of Student Support Services

Enrollment

On June 1, 2015, student enrollment at Monty Tech included 1,418 students in grades nine through twelve. Students are represented from every community in the district: Ashburnham (61), Ashby (35), Athol (88), Barre (37), Fitchburg (368), Gardner (146), Harvard (5), Holden (71), Hubbardston (62), Lunenburg (78), Petersham (4), Phillipston (18), Princeton (20), Royalston (18), Sterling (61), Templeton (93), Westminster (81), and Winchendon (146). The remaining 26 students were from out-of-district towns, including Ayer, Clinton, Lancaster, Leominster, Orange, Shirley, Webster and Worcester.

Throughout 2014-2015, Monty Tech offered a variety of opportunities for students, parents, and community members to learn about and visit the school. In October 2014, approximately 1,000 district eighth graders participated in the annual "Tour Day" event. Students toured our twenty-vocational/technical areas and learned about the school's challenging academic offerings and exciting athletic and extracurricular programs. Career Awareness Night offered interested students the opportunity to return in the evening with their family members, to further explore the facilities and talk with staff members.

Each year, the Dean of Admissions conducts school visits, student interviews, and accepts applications for admissions. 2014-2015 proved to be an exceptionally busy year for her, as the school received 631 applications for admission. Of those, 575 were from students hoping to enter our incoming freshman class. The balance of the applications came from students hoping to enter the school as upperclassmen. Because there are only a limited number of students the school can accept each year, 338 freshmen and 3 upperclassmen were admitted.

The Vocational Interest Program (V.I.P.) offers area seventh and eighth grade students the chance to visit Monty Tech after school, and participate in hands-on learning experiences across a variety of vocational/technical areas. The program continued to attract a large number of students during the 2014-2015 school year, serving approximately 600 area students.

Class of 2015 Awards

Members of the Class of 2015 were awarded approximately \$55,000 in scholarships. The Monty Tech Foundation generously provided \$35,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors, ranging in amounts of \$200 to \$2,000. The Foundation also awarded \$6,000 to the practical nursing graduates. Once again, local and state organizations, as well as generous individuals, continue to recognize the ability and potential of Monty Tech graduates in the form of financial donations. The School Committee, administration, faculty, and graduates themselves, are grateful for this support.

Articulation Agreements with local colleges also play an important role in helping reduce the cost of higher education. Qualified Monty Tech students are eligible to receive college credits through a number of articulation agreements with public and private colleges across the country. Approximately 54% of the graduating class of 2015 reported plans to enroll at either a 2-year college, 4-year college/university, or a technical/trade school upon graduation. By earning college credits while still in high school, these students will benefit by saving both time and money as they pursue advanced educational programs.

Financial Report

In an effort to develop a cost-effective budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015, a great deal of effort was put forth by the School Committee, administration, and staff. The final fiscal year 2014-2015 Educational Plan totaled \$25,640,833, which represents a 3.5% increase over the 2013-2014 Educational Plan. The District's FY15 budget, once again, only meets the minimum spending required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 70.

The District was audited in August 2015 as part of the yearly financial audit by the accounting firm of Melanson, Heath and Co. from Greenfield, MA and a very good report is anticipated.

Grants and Contracts

Monty Tech continues to pursue grant funding on an annual basis. These funds assist in providing many educational and social services to the student population. For fiscal year 2015, state and federal grant sources provided the school with \$866,668. Programs funded by these grants include: Essential Health Services, Social Intervention and Mediation, Improving Teacher Quality, Special Education Services and Program Improvement, Title I Support, Perkins Occupational Education, and Perkins Postsecondary Education. Using these allocation funds, the school was able to purchase a variety of instructional technology, equipment and supplies to enhance the learning experience across both academic and vocational programs.

Academic Achievement

In 2014-2015, students at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School continued to demonstrate high academic achievement, earning commendable MCAS scores in English Language Arts, Mathematics and

Biology. For Spring 2015, Monty Tech's passing rate on the English Language Arts was 100%, Mathematics 98%, Biology 98%.

The district is particularly proud of the number of students earning Advanced scores, and is pleased to report significant increases in this category. On the English Language Arts exam, students scoring Advanced increased by 16% from 2014. On the Math exam, we saw a 10% increase in Advanced from 2014, and on the Grade 10 Biology exam, there was a 3% increase in students scoring Advanced.

English Language Arts	2013	2014	2015
Students Tested	352	364	374
Passing	99%	100%	100%
Advanced/ Proficient	95%	95%	96%
Needs Improvement	5%	5%	4%
Failing	1%	0%	0%

Mathematics	2013	2014	2015
Students Tested	352	366	375
Passing	98%	98%	98%
Advanced/Proficient	80%	84%	87%
Needs Improvement	18%	14%	11%
Failing	2%	2%	2%

Biology	2013	2014	2015
Students Tested	398	351	347
Passing	97%	99%	98%
Advanced/ Proficient	73%	74%	77%
Needs Improvement	24%	25%	21%
Failing	3%	1%	2%

The district continues to make progress toward narrowing proficiency gaps. Students in all subgroups have met their progress and performance targets, continuing the school's Level 1 Status distinction.

Vocational Projects in the District Communities

Unlike students in traditional, comprehensive high schools, students at Monty Tech are asked to put their education into practice on a daily basis. Students across the twenty different vocational-technical education programs are building homes, reconstructing damaged properties, repairing service vehicles, making walkways more accessible, and performing countless community services.

The 2014-2015 school year was a busy one for our vocational educators, as each trade aimed to provide practical, hands-on learning experiences for our students, while helping to improve each of the eighteen member communities.

Auto Body: Collision Repair Technology: A highlight of the 2014-2015 school year was the addition of new instructor, Michael Forhan, who brings wonderful industry experience and expertise to the popular Auto Body program. The program received an I-CAR Education Foundation Grant, and as a result, sophomores and

juniors will receive a Level I I-CAR certification. Students detailed, repaired, and repainted more than eighty automobiles and trucks, including a dump truck for the Winchendon Housing Authority. Six ski chairs were coated for the Johnny Appleseed Trail Association, and trail brackets were painted for Baldwinville Department of Conservation. A state of the art fresh air system was installed for our spray booth, providing our students with clean air while working in the booth, eliminating the need for respirators. (Total enrollment: 62; 34 males, 28 females)

Automotive Technology: As in the past years, the Automotive Technology program continues to service a variety of vehicles for faculty, staff, municipalities, and district residents. 2014-2015 proved to be a very busy year for the program, as more than 400 vehicles were serviced by talented students and instructors. The Automotive Technology program continues to work to align instruction to the 2014 CVTE frameworks, as well as the recently revised NATEF standards. Instructors are pleased to report an increase in student enrollment, and offer congratulations to Senior student, Cody Caley, who placed third at the State SkillsUSA competition. A total of seven students participated in the co-op program, applying their technical skills in real work settings. (Total enrollment: 67; 54 males, 13 females)

Business Technology: Students graduating from Monty Tech's Business Technology program may qualify for up to nine college credits, taking advantage of articulation agreements from either Mount Wachusett Community College or New England Institute of Technology. Recognizing the work that these students have done throughout their high school year, college officials have agreed to provide qualified Business Technology students with college credits, at no charge, saving the students time and money as they pursue higher education. During the 2014-2015 school year, four students participated in the school's popular co-operative education program. Additionally, Business Technology stand-out Rebecca Parker was named SkillsUSA National Voting Delegate, and traveled to Louisville in June 2015. Business Technology students continue to post the daily menu on the Monty Tech website for the Mountain Room, distribute, collect, and maintain the Community Service database for all shops, and run a successful school store, the Gear House, refining their skills in cash handling, customer service, organization, and marketing. (Total enrollment: 66; 15 males, 51 females)

Cabinetmaking: Throughout 2014-2015, Monty Tech's Cabinetmaking instructors and students built and installed custom cabinetry and casework in the Westminster Senior and Community Center, the City of Gardner Mayor's Office, and in each of the school's three house-building projects. At the Westminster Senior Center, the talented Cabinetmaking students were charged with finishing all interior architectural woodworking, and did a beautiful job on that project. More than \$20,000 in materials and five months of labor was devoted to that job, saving the Town of Westminster a substantial amount of money. In addition, eleven Cabinetmaking students participated in the school's co-op program. (Total enrollment: 70; 51 males, 19 females)

Cosmetology: The Monty Tech Cosmetology program introduced students to a talented new instructor, Lirazol Alie, who brings tremendous industry experience, expertise, and enthusiasm to the popular program. 2014-2015 also brought new educational initiatives, including computer literacy objectives. Programs such as Quizlet, Remind, and Google Classroom were introduced, and have been providing additional avenues for students and instructors to communicate and share ideas. The program accepted twenty-four Freshmen, all first choice students. In addition to serving more than 1,500 clients throughout the 2014-2015 school year, students provided mothers from the Head Start in Athol with a complimentary "Day of Beauty" in honor of Mother's Day. Also in line with the program's commitment to community service, a portion of all fees collected from October through March were donated to support Horizons for Homeless. More than half of the graduates from the Cosmetology program reported plans to work in the trade, while the remaining graduates went on to pursue higher education. (Total enrollment: 91, 0 males, 91 females)

Culinary Arts: Students and instructors in the Monty Tech Culinary Arts program are among the busiest in our school. In addition to operating a full-service dining room and bakery, serving more than one hundred patrons daily, culinary students showcase their talents throughout the year at various catering events and trade shows

in our sending districts, and at meetings and workshops within the school. Throughout the 2014-2015 school year, Culinary Arts students and staff prepared food for: United Way Day of Caring (150 people), Advisory Dinner/Meetings (Over 600 people), Monty Tech Homecoming Dance (500 people), Monty Tech Retirees Holiday Buffet (90 people), Women in Technology Event (150 people), Graduation reception (125 people), Department of Elementary and Secondary Education meeting (25 people), four Monty Tech Foundation breakfast meetings, the annual Superintendent's Dinner, and all school committee and subcommittee meetings. Additionally, we participated in the Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce Chowder & Chili fest, and hosted private events for Gardner AARP, Chairtown Lumber, and Montachusett Home Care. (Total enrollment: 101; 34 males, 67 females)

Dental Assisting: During 2014-2015, the Dental Assisting program placed 1 student in a co-operative educational placement, working with an area dentist. Twenty-one students earned externships, while seven students participated in affiliation. All sophomore, junior, and senior students attended the Yankee Dental Convention in Boston, and learned about the most current trends and practices in the field. While national passing averages for Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) exams range from 69% - 78%, the Monty Tech dental students earned a 100% passing rate on the Infection Control exam and an outstanding 100% passing rate on the Radiology exam. For the fifth consecutive year, Monty Tech welcomed Community Health Connections, a school-based dental hygiene program whose goal is to provide dental services to students in need. Through this initiative, more than thirty students were examined by a dentist, had their teeth cleaned, and had sealants or temporary fillings applied as needed. Monty Tech Dental Assisting students were given hands-on, practical experience, as they assisted the staff from CHC during each dental procedure that was performed. (Total enrollment: 57; 5 males, 52 females)

Drafting: The 2014-2015 school year was a busy one for Drafting Technology students and instructors. A total of five students (three Juniors and two Seniors) participated in the school's cooperative education program, and ten students advanced to the SkillsUSA state competitions. Instructors are pleased to report that a vast majority of the graduating seniors intend to pursue careers in the field of drafting. Like most programs in the school, the Drafting Technology program is committed to community service, and throughout the year worked to provide food and household products for a family in the community. The students and instructors also gathered items to donate for Project Shoebox, which provides personal care items to children in the foster care system, offered design services to the Lunenburg Cemetery Building project, and designed landscape and general layout for Railroad Park in Fitchburg. Students also created countless banners and signage for area community organizations and Monty Tech's graduation, college fair, greenhouse, JROTC, and Drama Club, to name a few. (Total enrollment: 56; 33 males, 23 females)

Early Childhood Education: The Early Childhood Education program began the 2014-2015 school year with a dynamic new instructor, Karla Boudreau. The program received three new Baby Care Parent Simulation dolls, each with car seat detectors, as well as temperature detectors. Also, two new cameras were purchased to document students' work for individual professional portfolios. The program participated in the Massachusetts Association for the Education of Young Children's Recognition Dinner, and in preparation for the event, students created thirty games for this recognition dinner. Students and instructors worked to raise critical funds for Lucy's Love Bus, an agency that provides grants for children with cancer who are not covered by health insurance, and contributed to a number of other child-centered causes, including: SkillsUSA Change for Children, Salvation Army Christmas Angel, and the school's National Honor Society food and supplies drive. All of the program's graduating seniors are college bound and report plans to continue in the field of education. (Total enrollment: 62; 2 males, 60 females)

Electrical: The Electrical program continues to be one of the busiest trades in the school. During 2014-2015, students completed more than 90 work orders throughout the building, including wiring the following: a new CNC milling machine in Cabinetmaking, new milling machines in machine shop, new lifts in Auto Technology, a new grinder in HVAC & Property Maintenance, a new smart board in Drafting, a new shear in Welding/ Metal Fabrication, new shapers and chop saws in Cabinetmaking, a new scoreboard in the gym, new office space for both the Vice Principal and the Dean of Admissions, and new charger outlets for calculators in

an academic room. Students also rewired the Engineering department's storage room and relocated much of their equipment, and a new Prototrak machine in Machine Technology. In addition to wiring equipment, students performed numerous repairs and installations throughout the school as needed, including lights, outlets, computers, sensors, and CATV jacks. The Electrical program was instrumental in ensuring the school responded to all aspects in the most recent Coordinated Program Review's safety audit, and completed each of the recommended findings in a very timely manner. Students and instructors participated in the two house building projects in 2014-2015, again ensuring their work was done in a timely and efficient manner. The program's instructional space was updated to create a more conducive learning environment. Finally twelve students were awarded co-op positions, and more than half of the graduating senior class entered the workforce upon graduation, continuing into the electrical apprenticeship. (Total enrollment: 92; 76 males, 16 females)

Engineering Technology: The Monty Tech Engineering Technology program continued to enhance their curriculum and instruction by embedding four Project Lead the Way courses into the already rigorous vocational-technical curriculum. Students performed well on the end of course assessments affiliated with the Project Lead the Way coursework, with four students earning college credit in Principles of Engineering, eleven students earning college credit in Introduction to Engineering Design, and six students earning credit in Computer Integrated Manufacturing. These students may apply these credits at colleges and universities across the country. The exploratory program during the 2014-2015 school year yielded positive results for the program, with 12 students selecting Engineering Technology as their first choice and one as second choice. All sixteen seniors graduated, and a majority reported plans to continue their education or continue working in the engineering field. The instructors are pleased with the work done in their instructional space, citing better organization and increased safety. Some of the major improvements included a dropped ceiling, new work benches and stools, insulated front wall and fresh paint and the installation of a second SMART board. The Junior class went on a field trip to EASTEC, in Springfield to see the latest technology in manufacturing technologies and techniques. All Freshmen and Sophomores completed OSHA 10 hour training, and earned an OSHA 10 card. Six Seniors presented capstone projects to sponsors, parents and fellow students, demonstrating individual creativity and a deep understanding of engineering principles. Finally, the Monty Tech Engineering students were top performers at SkillsUSA contests throughout the year. At the district competitions, students earned two gold, two silver, and six bronze medals. At the state competitions, three gold and two bronze medals were captured. And at the national competitions held in Louisville, KY, a talented team of three Monty Tech Engineering students won the gold medal for Engineering Technology and Design. (Total enrollment: 55; 42 males, 13 females)

Graphic Communications: Instructors in Monty Tech's Graphic Communications program are pleased to report that all graduating seniors were into college, and many are pursuing advanced degrees in the field. Throughout the 2014-2015 school year, the shop continued to produce large quantities of print projects for district towns and community service organizations, completing more than 300 print projects. Because Graphic Communications provides print and design services at deep discounts to local agencies, instructors report saving these offices more than \$100,000 this school year. Students and instructors also completed numerous in-house jobs, resulting in a savings to the school district of more than \$220,000 from black and white copies, wide format printing, yearbook print and production. Three students were placed in co-op experiences, applying and refining their technical skills in local businesses. The program also received six new iMac computers with CS6 Software, and the computer lab was reconfigured and equipped with new desks and a new smart board. (Total enrollment: 86; 32 males, 54 females)

Health Occupations: The Health Occupations program at Monty Tech continues to educate a large number of students, providing a rigorous education grounded in current medical knowledge and practice. During the 2014-2015 school year, students and instructors organized a large baby shower, benefiting Battered Women's Resources, Inc. All items collected through that event were donated to expectant mothers living in the shelter. Students and instructors also participated in Pediatric Day, in conjunction with the school's Early Childhood Education program. The Health Occupations program was awarded a grant of \$42,400, which was used to purchase simulation devices for advanced training and simulated patient scenarios and case studies. Fifteen

seniors passed the National Healthcare Association (CCMA) exam, while the program continues to offer students opportunities to earn an array of industry-recognized credentials, including: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10-hour certification; Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid Certificate through the American Heart Association; and Certified Nursing Assistant License through the American Red Cross. Finally, Health Occupations students performed quite well throughout the year at various SkillsUSA competitions, earning a silver medal in Medical Assisting and a bronze medal in Freshman Commentary. Two students were also named State Officer Elect and National Voting Delegate, representing the school and program well. Twenty-three of the graduating seniors in 2015 reported plans to enroll in college, and a majority intend to stay close to the medical field. (Total enrollment: 106; 7 males, 99 females)

House Carpentry: Unlike other vocational-technical programs at Monty Tech, a majority of the work done by students and instructors in the House Carpentry program is completed off-campus, completing renovation, building, and repair work for member communities. Last year was no exception, as students and instructors worked together to complete the following projects: a duplex in Fitchburg for Habitat for Humanity, a two-story colonial home in Ashburnham for Montachusett Enterprise Center, Inc (MEC), a chicken coop for a Gardner resident, a set of exterior stairs for a Fitchburg resident, a set of stairs in the school's Plumbing department, and a six-sided wishing well for an Ashburnham resident. Mr. Morrison, the most recent addition to the House Carpentry staff, and Mr. Pearson, a Monty Tech science teacher, completed an Academic/Vocational Integration project, in an effort to further connect academic elements to practical, real-world applications. The result of the unique lesson was twenty-five bluebird houses, handcrafted by each student, and taken home to share with families and friends. (Total enrollment: 57; 40 males, 17 females)

HVAC & Property Maintenance: The 2014-2015 school year saw some changes in the HVAC & Property Maintenance Program. For many years this program had been named Industrial Technology, but when the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education outlined changes in the program's curriculum frameworks in 2014, it seemed an appropriate time to update the name of the program and refine curriculum so that students and graduates will be better prepared to pursue a variety of career pathways in the Building & Property Maintenance and HVAC fields. Combining elements from both programs, the instructors have developed a broad curriculum that continues to engage students and impress area business owners. Throughout the year, students and instructors collaborated with other Monty Tech programs to complete a number of "outside jobs", including: installing sheetrock and vinyl siding on a duplex home for Habitat for Humanity in Fitchburg, installing installed siding and wood molding products in a single family home in Ashburnham, and installing brackets for the Holden Recreation Department snowmobile trail. The program was proud to have thirteen students (6 seniors and 7 juniors) participate in the school's popular co-operative education program – more students than in any other program at Monty Tech! (Total enrollment: 64; 57 males, 7 females)

Information Technology: As with any school, Information Technology provides key services to the educational community. In addition to the critical in-house Help Desk services offered by the program, students and instructors performed in excess of 400 hours of repair, upgrading, and troubleshooting computer problems for Monty Tech community members. Competing in the Cyber Patriot event, a national high school cyber defense competition, founded by the Air Force Association, Information Technology and Engineering students, led by program instructor Richard Duncan, captured first place at the March competition. A team of twelve Information Technology students participated in the Fitchburg State University Programming Competition, and there our students placed 13th, 24th, and 25th from the 32 teams in attendance. To ensure program graduates are armed with valuable industry-recognized certifications, program instructors offer students the following certification opportunities: TestOut PC Pro certification, IC3 Certification, Cisco IT Essential Course for Computer Repair and Maintenance, and Cisco Introduction to Networking. (100% passing rate for Sophomores). Instructors are proud to report a 98% passing rate for the juniors who took the first test of the CIW Web Foundation certification exams. Two students applied their skills, working with area non-profit agencies, building user-friendly websites for the following: Big Cheese 5K Road Race for the town of Athol, Community Health Connections website, and Fitchburg East Rotary website. Two talented students, Derick Kay and Ryan Perenzin, earned gold medals at the SkillsUSA District competitions, traveled to the

state event and continued their winning streak with another gold medal. The pair earned the right to travel and compete on the national level in June 2015, for the third time in their high school career. (Total enrollment: 61; 60 males, 1 female)

Machine Technology: Machine Technology students and instructors had the opportunity to take part in several field trips throughout 2014-2015, including: MTD in Charlton, NyproMold in Clinton, Rocheleau Tool & Die in Fitchburg, LS Starrett in Athol, and the EASTEC show in Springfield. These field trips provided students with opportunities to see how their education connects to local industry, as well as some of the emerging technologies in the machining field. Students were also fortunate to hear from local experts, including a guest speaker from LS Starrett, who discussed proper band saw blade selection. Perhaps one of the program's greatest accomplishments was aligning curriculum to MASSMEP (Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership) training efforts. This exciting new relationship will provide our students opportunities to earn level 1 and level 2 machinist certifications, and will grant the instructors access to manufacturing curriculum developed through Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Finally, students successfully completed a number of machining jobs to benefit the school and community offices, which included: plaques for the "Ride of your Life" suicide prevention fundraiser, plaques for the school's space shuttle mission, gifts for various visitors and guests, memorial tile engraving, parts for engineering technology projects, dental base components, for plumbing projects, and parts needed to repair the district's field lawn mowers. (Total enrollment: 60; 57 males, 3 females)

Masonry: The Masonry program introduced a new instructor, Christopher Giardina to the program in 2014-2015. Students and instructors continued to focus on a number of community projects, including: brick steps and tiles for Habitat for Humanity House in Fitchburg; tile and concrete floor for Montachusett Enterprise Center, Inc. (MEC) house in Ashburnham; brick step repairs and concrete floor for Sterling Municipal Light; stone veneer and tile for the Westminster Senior Center; block dug outs for Gardner Little League; stone wall repair for St. Bernard's Elementary School; and, repointed brick for Winchendon Senior Center. When the students weren't busy in our district communities, they were preparing for and competing in the Massachusetts Trowel Trades Association (MTTA) competition, where they earned top recognitions and awards. (Total enrollment: 68; 57 males, 11 females)

Plumbing: The Monty Tech Plumbing program, like other trades throughout the school, is committed to community service. As a result, students and instructors worked throughout the year to complete a duplex house in Fitchburg for Habitat for Humanity and a single-family home in Ashburnham for Montachusett Enterprise Center, Inc. (MEC). Both projects included lessons in high efficiency heating and cooling systems. The students successfully installed gas piping for the homes, as well. A senior student was named Vocational Technical All-Star from the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors Association of Massachusetts, and as a result he received tools and a scholarship for continuing his education in the plumbing licensure program. Another stand-out student was recognized by the Central Massachusetts Plumbing & Gas Fitting Inspectors Association, and was also awarded a scholarship to continue his education in the field. Instructors are proud to partner with a number of local companies that have committed to hiring program graduates, and throughout the 2014-2015 school year, the program saw eight students (5 seniors and 3 juniors) earn co-op jobs, where they were challenged to take their technical skills to a new level. On campus, students repaired leaks, cleaned drains, replaced a hot water heater, worked on water coolers, and repaired and maintained the plumbing system throughout the school. The teachers' area within the shop was improved with custom made desks and a counter top, designed and crafted by Monty Tech's Cabinetmaking students. (Total enrollment: 71; 69 males, 2 females)

Welding/Metal Fabrication: Throughout the 2014-2015 school year, the Welding/Metal Fabrication program successfully completed numerous projects on the Monty Tech campus, and more than eighty projects for residents of our community. Some of the more notable community service projects included: fabricating and welding a twenty-one foot tall, multi-section statue for the Fitchburg Art Museum, which is now the focal point to their main entrance; repairing a band cart for Fitchburg High school; fabricating and welding panels for Winchendon Housing Authority's dump truck; fabricating and welding trail marking brackets for the

Department of Conservation & Recreation of Winchendon; fabricating and welding stainless steel counter tops and trim at the Westminster Senior Center; and repairing net for Templeton, Narragansett Youth Baseball. In addition, the program benefited from added technology, including a portable fume extractor donated by industry partner Airgas East, and various portable power hand tools donated by Tractor Supply, Inc. The program's hydraulic power shear blades were also rotated and adjusted to specifications. Two juniors and eight seniors participated in the school's popular co-operative education program, applying and refining their technical skills in area businesses. (Total enrollment: 64; 55 males, 9 females)

Special Services

During the 2015-2016 school year, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District provided special services to approximately three hundred and fifteen students – measuring progress of over two hundred students on Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and just under one hundred students adhering to individualized Section 504 plans. While the Student Support Services (SSS) Department encompasses special education, the department provides support and is available to all Monty Tech students.

The department includes a full-time nursing staff that administers medications, performs state-mandated health screening exams, and provides, when necessary, health information to the special education team for a student's IEP meeting. The department benefits from a full-time school social worker who participates in departmental meetings and assists students who have needs concerning finances, family issues, homelessness, maternity, health issues, and proper food and clothing. The school is also fortunate to have on staff a full-time psychologist, whose role it is to evaluate all students referred for an initial evaluation or who require a three-year re-evaluation. In addition, we have a full-time speech pathologist, who is available to assist students with disabilities, assess these students and consult with teachers. Our students also have access to the services of a full-time adjustment counselor and part-time school psychologist. All of these individuals are available for scheduled counseling sessions and mental health emergency treatment, as well as crisis intervention.

The school's Director of Student Support Services oversees the district's Special Education Program, which is reviewed annually in May, in accordance with regulatory requirements. The comprehensive review and evaluation are done in collaboration with the Parent Advisory Council, and the results of the evaluation are used to improve the special education procedures and programs in place at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School.

Technology

In 2014-2015 Monty Tech continued the process of improving our network infrastructure to meet future needs. Additional access points were added to our wireless network to broaden connectivity. Internet bandwidth was increased, and multiple carriers were contracted to reduce the possibility of Internet downtime. A back up generator was installed and connected to our network servers to decrease the possibility of unexpected shutdown of vital equipment.

Monty Tech successfully completed two Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education initiatives involving technology. Pilot testing for PARCC, an online student assessment program, was conducted in Spring 2015, and state reporting of SIMS (student data) and SCS (student course schedule data) via SIF (Schools Interoperability Framework) commenced in March 2015.

Monty Tech continued the process of enhancing and automating procedures. Teachers began using x2 Aspen's Teacher Recommendations to enter student course requests, and the school improved parent communication by including email addresses as part of our parent/student notification system. The school also initiated improvements to technical support through the automation of computer builds and updates.

Monty Tech began the transition of becoming a Google for Education school by changing our email system to Gmail for staff and students. Three Chromebook mobile labs were purchased late in the school year and will be ready for classroom use in 2015-2016. Monty Tech will plan professional development and support for additional Google apps as they are introduced during 2015-2016, and will consider a Chromebook 1:1 initiative.

SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America had a skilled workforce. Through our association with Skills USA, our students develop job skills, leadership and professional skills, as well as provide community service.

The 2014-2015 school year was an extraordinary one for the Monty Tech chapter of Skills USA. The students met the challenges of the district competitions, performed well at the state level, and winners advanced to the coveted National Conference in June 2015. Co-advisors Kelsey Moskiwitz (English Instructor), Anne Marie Cataldo (Early Childhood Education Instructor), and Brad Pelletier (Special Education Instructor), helped students successfully complete several community service projects, raising money for selected charitable organizations. Highlights of the year include:

- In November, fifteen students, consisting of chapter officers and Leadership Team members attended a three-day Annual Fall State Leadership Conference, developed leadership skills and performed community service at an area YMCA Day Camp. They also donated nonperishable food items for the local food bank, as well as hats, mittens, and books for underprivileged children.
- The local competition was held in December 2014, and spanned three weeks consisting of a variety of shop, skill and leadership events.
- In March 2015, qualified Monty Tech students traveled to Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School to compete at the SkillsUSA District Competition. There, Monty Tech students were awarded 44 medals, including: 12 gold, 11 silver and 21 bronze medals. Additionally, Grace Kirrane qualified to run for the State Executive Council.
- Rebecca Parker, a Class of 2015 Business technology students, and Cassandra Campbell, a Class of 2016 Drafting Technology student, served on the State Advisory Committee to help aid in the planning of the State Conference.
- Twenty-three district medalists and qualifiers, sixteen local leadership and occupational related event contestants, one state officer candidate, and twenty-three voting delegates - a total of 63 students - attended the State Leadership and Skills Conference, held April 30 – May 2, 2015, at Blackstone Valley Vocational Technical School and the Best Western Royal Plaza (Marlboro). Monty Tech finished the competition with fourteen medals. Seven students were awarded gold medals and earned the right to compete at the National Leadership & Skills Conference held in Louisville, Kentucky in late June. Grace Kirrane was elected to the State Executive Council and will serve as a National Voting Delegate in Louisville along with Alyanna Giuliano, Cassandra Campbell, and Rebecca Parker who were also selected to serve.
- Twelve students and five instructors attended the National Leadership & Skills Conference in Louisville, KY. from June 22 – 27, 2015.
- A team of three talented Engineering Technology students received a Gold Medal for their performance at the National Engineering Technology/Design Contest. Working closely with their

instructor, Dennis Cormier, Nicolas Wicker (Class of 2015), Leon Gaulin (Class of 2017), and Devan Kumar (Class of 2017) brought home this well-deserved honor.

- Taryne Swan and Cassandra Campbell were also recognized at the National Conference, receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award, Gold Standard
- Throughout the year, students participated in a number of community service projects, including: a "Change for Children" Campaign; a holiday party and celebration for children in the Fitchburg area; Salvation Army "Christmas Angels" were distributed to collect toys and gifts for underprivileged children; Raffle to benefit Be Like Brit Foundation and The Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism.

Marine Corps JROTC

The Monty Tech Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) had a sensational school year. All program objectives for the 2014-2015 school year were achieved, most notable was the JROTC Cyber Security Team, led by First Sergeant Paul Jornet and Information Technology Instructor Richard Duncan, once again capturing national recognition by placing first in the Air Force Association's National Cyber Security Competition held in Washington, DC.

The 2014-2015 Corps of Cadets completed over eighty-eight hundred hours (8800+) of community service throughout the district. The corps conducted a major canned food drive, worked side-by-side with the Marine Corps Reserve in a national Toys 4 Tots campaign, and spent four weekends working with the local Salvation Army helping to raise over \$26,000 for needy families. The cadets conducted their annual 10 mile "March-A-Thon" to support NEADS (National Education of Assistance Dogs Services) from Princeton, MA, raising \$25,000 for their Service Dogs for Veterans program.

Sixty Monty Tech cadets attended a leadership camp at the Citadel in Charleston, SC. The camp provided cadets with individual and team development opportunities, as well as the opportunity to visit many historical sites.

During the summer of 2015, our Cadet Cyber Team was again asked to support a Cyber STEM camp for the National Marine Corps JROTC program. The Cyber Team coordinated the 12-day camp that focused on defending cyber networks from attacks. The camp also offered an introduction to robotics programming using the VEX Robotics System. The camp was attended by 200 students, representing thirty-five states.

The Cyber team along with community financial support and a group of Monty Tech staff volunteers also conducted a week-long Cyber Security camp for 50 middle school students. The camp, which was offered at no cost to the students, focused on computer operating systems, security and cyber ethics. In partnership with Fitchburg State University and Mount Wachusett Community College, the students also had an opportunity to visit both campuses to explore STEM pathways.

The Monty Tech JROTC program received an incredible honor, having been named a Marine Corps Honor School by the Commanding General Marine Corps Training & Education Command. Only ten percent of Marine Corps JROTC programs nationwide receive this recognition. The selection was based on several criteria, including cadet citizenship, the percentage of cadets involved in student government organizations, the number of cadets active in school activities and clubs, the number of community service hours for the unit as a whole and per cadet, the number of organizations assisted by the unit, and scholastic achievements including the number of academic awards and scholarships given to cadets. The units were also measured by participation in public affairs events, drill team competitions, rifle team competitions, physical fitness team competitions, and field trips.

Because of this prestigious status, we are pleased to announce that the Monty Tech JROTC instructors unit will now have the opportunity to make nomination recommendations to the U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, and the Military Academy at West Point under the Honor School Category.

Women in Technology

Monty Tech is one of the original members of the North Central Massachusetts Women In Technology Program and the 2014-2015 school year marked the school's 13th year in this innovative school-to-business partnership. The highly successful collaborative program continues to grow with membership including students from six area high schools, introducing female students to well-paying careers in business and technology. Participants spend two days a month working on real-world work projects under the mentorship of company managers at SimplexGrinnell and Tyco Safety Products in Westminster, subsidiaries of Tyco International, a Fortune 500 company.

The program has been so successful in its mission of providing a proven pathway to corporate America, that it was recently recognized as one of the region's premier experience-based educational programs of its kind. Affiliation with the program, and skills acquired through participation, open doors to career opportunities not otherwise available to high school students. Graduates of the program are also equipped with a foundation to better meet the challenges of an ever-changing and demanding work force.

Each year, graduates of the program go on to rewarding and well-paying careers, made possible by this unique experience.

Student Athletics

The Monty Tech athletic program continues to expand in scope and skill each year. More students and teams compete every season. In fact, during the 2014-2015 school year, the Monty Tech Athletic program saw a record number of student athletes participating in competitive sports programs, more than 614 participants! During the fall of 2014, Monty Tech was well-represented by seventeen teams. In the winter months, there were fourteen teams, and wrapping up the year, spring saw another fourteen teams come together at Monty Tech.

In the Fall of 2014, the Monty Tech Varsity Football team finished with a record of 2 – 9, but with a lot of younger players, the coaches expect a rebound in 2015. The JV Football team was 2 – 6 – 1 and the Freshmen Football team was 2 – 4. The Varsity Boys Soccer team finished at 11 – 5 – 2 and qualified for the post-season tournament. They finished third in the Colonial Athletic League with a 6 – 4 – 2 record. The JV Boys Soccer team was 7 – 4 – 2. The Varsity Golf team was 4 – 12, and the JV Golf team played in three tournaments getting much valuable experience on the links. The Varsity Field Hockey team was 13 – 3 – 3, qualifying for the Central Mass Tournament for the fifth consecutive year. They lost to Grafton, 1 – 0 in an exciting match. The JV Field Hockey team finished at 5 – 3 – 1. The Boys Cross Country team was 7 – 8 and finished 3rd in the Colonial Athletic League with a 4 – 3 record. The Girls Cross Country team was 6 – 5 overall and 2 – 2 in the Colonial Athletic League, finishing 2nd. The Varsity Girls Volleyball team went 8 – 12. The team hosted its annual Bump-Set-Spike competition, to fight Breast Cancer, in October 2014, and raised over \$3,000. The JV Girls Volleyball team was 18 – 1 and the Freshmen Girls team continued to improve with a 6 – 6 record. The Varsity Girls Soccer team was 11 – 6 – 1 and qualified for the post-season, where they lost to Northbridge 6 – 0. The JV Girls Soccer team finished at 12 – 2 and will send some fine players to the varsity next year.

The Girls Varsity Basketball finished at 7 – 13 on the season, while the Junior Varsity Girls were 12 – 4 and the Freshmen Girls finished with a record of 8 – 3. The Varsity Boys Basketball team finished at 14 – 9 and

qualified for both the State Vocational Tournament and the Districts. They lost to Worcester Tech in the first round of the Voc. Tournament and beat Ayer in the first game of the Districts before losing to Hopedale in the quarterfinals. The JV Boys Basketball team was 16 – 2, and the Freshmen Boys were 2 – 16. The Co-Op Wrestling team, a group of student-athletes from Fitchburg, Oakmont and Murdock, participated in many dual meets and tournaments finishing at 3 – 11. The Co-Op Boys Ice Hockey team, a partnership with Fitchburg High School, finished at 11 – 9 and qualified for the Districts, where they beat Littleton in the first round and lost to Worcester in the semi-finals. The Junior Varsity Ice Hockey team played very well, and is expected to send some talent up to the varsity in 2015-2016. Monty Tech also participated in a Co-op Swim team with Leominster, North Middlesex and Oakmont (in partnership with Fitchburg State University) and had 7 swimmers participating. Indoor Track & Field for both boys and girls participated in the Dual Valley Conference this year, as a guest. Both teams finished with a record of 2 – 3 on the season.

In the spring of 2015, the Monty Tech Varsity Softball team qualified for the Central Mass Tournament for the 22nd consecutive year with an 11 - 9 record. There, they lost a tight match against Maynard 7 - 6. Coach Reid is just 6 wins shy of 600 for his career at Monty Tech. The JV Softball team was 6 – 8. The Varsity Boys Volleyball team was 15 – 8 and 8 – 2 in the Colonial Athletic League. They beat Assabet 3 - 1 in the first round of the State Vocational Tournament before losing to Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School 3 – 0 in the finals. The boys also lost to Wachusett 3 – 1 in the District Tournament. The JV Boys Volleyball team played strong all year and finished with a record of 8 – 8. The Varsity Baseball team finished at 5 – 15, while the JV Baseball team was 10 – 4 and the Freshmen Baseball team was 3 – 9. Both the Varsity and JV teams played a majority of their home games on the Fitchburg State University and Oakmont fields, while the freshmen played a number of their games at the Westminster Babe Ruth field, as the conditions of our baseball fields were not acceptable due to the very wet spring. The Boys Track & Field team was 6 - 2, finishing 3rd in the Colonial Athletic league, and the Girls Track & Field team was 5 – 3, with a 4th place finish in the Colonial Athletic League. The Varsity Boys Lacrosse team played in 16 games going 7 – 9, missing the playoffs by only one win. The JV Boys Lacrosse was 7 – 4 – 3, and are expecting improved results in the coming years. The Girls Lacrosse team was a Co-Op with North Central Charter Essential School (Sizer). There were fifteen girls from Monty Tech on the team, and the district hopes to form its own team by 2017. Finally, there were seven total students (2 boys and 5 girls) playing in a Co-Op Tennis program with Fitchburg High School.

Congratulations to the Outstanding Male and Female athletes for 2014-2015, Kyle Morris and Kaitlyn MacAlister.

Postgraduate and Continuing Studies

The Post Graduate and Continuing Studies Program, also known as Monty Tech Nites, continues to update and add courses that emphasize a commitment to excellence by offering affordable, quality, and enjoyable educational experiences. For the Fall of 2014, Monty Tech offered 78 in-house classes with 626 registrations. We also offered a number of online course options, with a total of 27 registrations. For the Spring 2015 semester, we offered 73 in-house courses with 568 registrations and an additional 47 registrations for online programs.

In March 2014 the postgraduate program successfully graduated our third class of nine Emergency Medical Technicians. The very successful EMT program is pleased to report increased acceptance/ enrollment numbers, as the program accepted a class of 16 students for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Director of the Postgraduate & Continuing Studies Program actively seeks information to develop new (and expand existing) certificate and licensure programs that align with regional workforce needs and employment trends.

Practical Nursing Program

The Practical Nursing Program is designed to prepare graduates to practice safely, ethically and in a caring manner for patients who are experiencing common variations in health status in diverse health care settings. This mission, which is consistent with the philosophy and goals of the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District, accomplishes the following:

- Identifies a strong relationship between academic and vocational preparation
- Stresses the importance of developing critical thinking skills to function safely, effectively, and productively in an ever-changing technical and diverse society
- Supports the maintenance of a positive and caring learning and practice environment

On June 18, 2015, the Monty Tech Practical Nursing Program saw one of its largest graduating classes - forty (40) students - complete the Practical Nursing Program and enter the nursing profession. The class achieved an initial NCLEX pass rate of 88%, and just over 75% of the 2015 graduates are currently working in the North Central area, in various health care settings including long-term care, sub-acute care, clinics, medical offices, and prison health care.

The Monty Tech Practical Nursing Program continues to develop the "LPN to BSN Bridge" relationship with Fitchburg State University. Both institutions were awarded a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education, supporting the "Nurse of the Future" initiative. The grant funding will assist veterans hoping to transition from military to civilian healthcare fields, granting academic credits for previous military training and experience in related military specialties.

In January, the program added a technology component called Shadow Health, a virtual patient-centered clinical experience software package. Students were asked to complete assignments at home, and were assessed according to their patient/student interaction and clinical practice interactions. The added technology proved to be beneficial, allowing the educational program to continue despite the challenging weather and school closings.

Finally, the Monty Tech PN Class of 2015 completed a meaningful community service project, adopting a Monty Tech family in need referred by the school's Student Support Services Department. The nursing students purchased holiday gifts and food for the family, making sure they were consistent with the family requests or needs.

Looking Ahead

While the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District educational community is certainly proud of the achievements of our talented students, faculty, and staff, we continue to have an eye toward the future, always committed to improving our vocational and academic programming, strengthening key partnerships, and maintaining facilities that contribute to student success and achievement. As we look ahead, there are a number of programs and initiatives that we expect will have a positive impact on our school and students for years to come.

Expand partnerships with area businesses: To support the school's popular Business Technology program, specifically addressing the financial elements found within the program's frameworks, school leaders began exploring opportunities to bring banking to Monty Tech students. In collaboration with Workers' Credit Union, school officials are pleased to announce a developing partnership that will result in a full-service branch located on the school's campus, offering students opportunities to develop authentic financial literacy skills and experience while still in high school. Additionally, students studying in the school's Business

Technology program will be trained as bank tellers, effectively preparing them for entry level jobs in banking institutions across north Central Massachusetts.

Expand partnerships with area colleges and universities: Students in Monty Tech's very busy Health Occupations program may just be getting busier in the coming years. While the program already offered a number of industry-recognized credentials, school leaders began working with college partner, Mount Wachusett Community College, to determine if a college-level Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training program could be embedded into the senior year of study. We are pleased to announce that this collaboration has resulted in an agreement that will effectively allow seniors to earn 8 college credits, at no charge, and the opportunity to sit for the certification exam in June 2016. By providing additional career pathways in the medical field, and access to college level coursework while still enrolled in high school, school administrators and teachers are confident that program graduates will not only be more qualified for entry level positions, they will be more apt to find an area of interest within the medical field, and continue to refine the technical skills they developed while at Monty Tech.

Expand Access to Instructional Technology: A Monty Tech education is effective because efforts are made to continually access our programming, instructional equipment, and our educational resources. Through this assessment, it has become clear that while so many students have access to technology away from the school, many do not. It is important, then, to arm every student with the tools necessary to succeed not only in the workplace, but in the classroom, as well. The district is pleased to announce a large-scale technology initiative that began in August 2015, when every educator at Monty Tech was provided with a Chromebook and individualized professional development on how to best incorporate this added technology into daily instruction. So many teachers have embraced the concept, and continued to explore learning opportunities that have resulted in classroom instruction that better reflects our 21st Century school. The Monty Tech technology initiative continues, and in August 2016, every student at Monty Tech will also be provided with a Chromebook to support his/her learning, more efficiently communicate with teachers, and to promote collaboration among student peers.

Expand vocational-technical educational opportunities: As you know, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School is home to twenty vocational-technical programs, and currently serves over 1,400 students from eighteen cities and towns in North Central Massachusetts. We are so proud of our students and accomplishments, and every year we strive to provide only the best educational programs, both academic and vocational, to each and every student. As we review our student demographic, the regional workforce data, and feedback we have received from students interested in attending our school, we consider the benefits of adding new vocational programs. We are pleased to announce that Monty Tech is in the development stages of bringing a new program – our 21st program – to the school – Animal/Veterinary Science. The new program will respond to much-needed workforce training and community services, and will effectively prepare students to enter both college and career pathways upon graduation. Students and instructors, in collaboration with program partner, Becker College, will effectively learn concepts associated with a high school veterinary assisting program, while running a fully-functioning veterinary clinic, designed to provide care for pets in low-income families. Students will have access to college level coursework, and earn industry-recognized credentials, so that they may either advance to related post-secondary programs, or enter into the workforce to fill the projected 25.32% growth in veterinary technician opportunities through 2022. While this program is only in its development stages, a great deal of work has already been done to assure its success. Student surveys have been collected, collaborative working groups have been established, and industry experts across North Central Massachusetts have been called upon to offer expertise to help ensure the innovative facility is designed with both education and service in mind, and that all equipment and services align with industry standards.

The Monty Tech School Committee

The Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District Committee is comprised of twenty-two dedicated individuals, whose expertise proves invaluable in advising the district's operations, policies, and procedures.

Our students continue to benefit from the broad scope of their experience and varying perspectives, and we are thankful to the following members of the 2014-2015 School Committee for their outstanding service.

Eric Olson, Phillipston
Chair

Barbara Reynolds, Lunenburg
Vice Chair

Diane Swenson, Ashburnham
Peter Capone, Ashby
Toni L. Phillips, Athol
John Scott, Barre
Claudia Holbert, Fitchburg
Brian J. Walker, Fitchburg
Ronald Tourigny, Fitchburg
LeRoy Clark, Fitchburg
Helen Lepkowski, Gardner
Eric D. Commodore, Gardner

TBD, Harvard
James Cournoyer, Holden
Kathleen Airoidi, Hubbardston
Edward Simms, Petersham
John P. Mollica, Princeton
Mary C. Barclay, Royalston
Dr. Kenneth I.H. Williams, Sterling
James M. Gilbert, Templeton
Ross Barber, Westminster
Burton E. Gould, Jr., Winchendon

Terri Hillman, Winchendon
Secretary

Norman J. LeBlanc
District Treasurer

Respectfully Submitted By:

Sheila M. Harrity, Ed.D.
Superintendent-Director
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January 20, 2016

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CHAPTER EIGHT COMMITTEES

Report of the Boards &
Committees of the Town

**Athol Historical Commission
Annual Report
July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015**

The Athol Historical Commission held one meeting during the year. On April 21, 2015, the commission met to discuss the development of an historic district downtown, working with the Downtown Revitalization Committee and Town Planner, Andrea Buglione.

A letter was sent in support of a MA Historical Rehabilitation Tax Credit for the UTD complex at the request of Cindy and Chuck Hartwell.

Mark Killay resigned from the Commission.

Members and Officers continued in their positions from the previous year.

Chair – J.R. Greene

Clerk – Jean Shaughnessy

Carolyn Brouillet

Shelley Small

Athol Orange Joint Cable Advisory Committee
Annual Report FY 2015

The Athol Orange Joint Cable Advisory Committee (CAC) continued its work throughout fiscal year 2015 towards the final goal of submitting a suggested License Agreement between the Town of Athol Board of Selectmen (the Franchise *or* Licensing Authority) and Time Warner Cable Corporation (the Franchisee *or* cable operator.) An identical license was presented to the town of Orange. 2015 was the third and final year of the three-year license renewal process outlined by the informal process under FCC guidelines. Having held public hearings and opened an ascertainment record in year one (2012) collection of data and ongoing negotiations ensued throughout the entire process with the CAC meeting monthly until the process was complete. The CAC recognizes the work of special cable counsel William August of Epstein and August LLP of Boston.

During the license renewal process, Comcast Cable Corporation sought congressional approval to merge and purchase Time Warner Cable. The CAC spent considerable time researching the possible impacts that such a merger would have on the town's final position and recommended, after consultation with special counsel, that the Board of Selectmen take no action on Comcast's requests for signed approval. This strategy would allow the towns to not endorse the takeover, but would not deny federally mandated license transfer under current protocol of FCC regulations. After several months of consideration, FCC regulators and the U.S. Congress called for testimony on the subject. Comcast eventually rescinded its request and the merger deal fell apart. As of the writing of this report, a similar process of merger is nearing completion, this time with Charter Communications as the buyer. Charter intends to keep the system in the Athol Orange area as its own once the transfer is complete.

Lengthy negotiations between CAC members, Time Warner executives and special counsel continued from December 2014 right up to just four weeks before the existing Franchise License was due to expire in June of 2015. Ultimately an agreement was reached and after formulation and composition by the CAC and special counsel, a final recommendation was delivered to the Board of Selectmen and town counsel. The Board of Selectmen reviewed, discussed in open session and approved the recommended license. The license is filed with the state of Massachusetts and the FCC. A copy is available for reading at Athol Memorial Hall, Office of the Selectmen. This License to Operate a Cable Franchise (a form of contract) is likely valued at approximately \$80-100 million over its ten-year term.

After acceptance of the new Cable Franchise License(s), the role of the CAC turns from an advisory role to one of compliance review. The Franchisee must submit periodic reports that show metrics related to customer service (Form 100) as well as annual reports. The CAC meets periodically to review these forms and helps address relations between the Franchise Authority (the Board of Selectmen) and the Franchisee (currently Time Warner Cable.) Complaints concerning resident's cable service, quality or billing

must be addressed to Time Warner Cable. Complaints regarding negligence or the inability to reach or be responded to in a reasonable time frame or manner by the cable operator may be made in writing to the Licensing Authority of the town in which the subscriber lives.

The CAC would like to thank the Board of Selectman for its attention, assistance, and diligence concerning the license renewal process and looks forward to continuing its compliance role.

Respectfully submitted:

Mark Wright, Chairman
Nancy Blackmer, Secretary
Daniel Carey
Walter Owens
Carolyn Salls
Robert Schwein
Marie MacDonald, ex officio
Carol Courville-Brigley, ex officio

**BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Bylaw Review Committee is appointed annually by the Town Manager. They review and make recommendations on the Town Bylaws to be voted on at Town Meeting. They meet as needed.

In Fiscal year 2015, The Bylaw Review Committee met with members of the Agriculture Committee and supported their "Right to Farm" Bylaw. The Board of Selectmen asked the Bylaw Review Committee to look at the "Snow Removal Bylaw". The Committee voted to leave as currently worded and have the Police Chief work with the Town Manager for a policy on "extreme hardship".

The Bylaw Review Committee submitted the following articles to the Board of Selectmen for the Fall Town Meeting.

Amendment #1

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter IV Town Buildings and Property, Section 1(b) of the Town Bylaws by deleting the following language:

Section 1(b). The care, custody and control of the entire Memorial Building shall be with a Memorial Hall Committee consisting of three Selectmen, and four voters to be appointed by the Town Manager each year in April to serve for one year from May first. This Committee with the aide of the Town Manager shall employ necessary janitors and caretakers, and attend to the lighting, heating, care and repair of the building, and make reasonable rules and regulations not inconsistent with these bylaws for the use and occupancy of said building. All town officers and boards shall, as far as possible, be provided necessary and adequate office and vault space in the building, and in the use of the building's facilities the carrying out of the town's business shall be given first consideration.

and replacing it with the following:

Section 1(b). The care, custody and control of the entire Memorial Building shall be with a Memorial Hall Committee consisting of **two** Selectmen, and **five** voters to be appointed by the Town Manager each year in April to serve for one year from May first. This Committee with the aide of the Town Manager shall employ necessary janitors and caretakers, and attend to the lighting, heating, care and repair of the building, and make reasonable rules and regulations not inconsistent with these bylaws for the use and occupancy of said building. All town officers and boards shall, as far as possible, be provided necessary and adequate office and vault space in the building, and in the use of the building's facilities the carrying out of the town's business shall be given first consideration.

; or act in relation thereto.

Amendment #2

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter IV Town Buildings and Property, Section 1(c) of the Town Bylaws by deleting the following language:

The Committee shall grant the Edward H. Phillips Post No. 102, American Legion, the use of Memorial hall on Armistice Day, and the Roy L. Boyce, Post No. 650, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. and Athol Chapter No. 46, Disabled American Veterans, each the use of Memorial Hall one night each year without charge. To each of said organizations and to the Athol High School Alumni Association for the rentable portions of Memorial Building on one other date each year, without charge, provided said use shall not be for the purposes of revenue or gain.

and replacing it with the following:

The Committee shall grant the Athol Veterans Council (consisting of the American Veterans [Am Vets] Post 793, Edward H. Phillips American Legion Post No. 102, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 40, Pequoig Detachment 1168 Marine Corps League, Roy L. Boyce Post 650 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 340 the use of Memorial Hall and Liberty Hall on Armistice (Veterans) Day and the use of Memorial Hall on Memorial Day in the event of rain and each of the afore mentioned organizations the use of Memorial Hall one night each year without charge. To each of said organizations and to the Athol High School Alumni Association for the rentable portions of Memorial Building on one other date each year, without charge, provided said use shall not be for the purposes of revenue or gain.

; or act in relation thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Anderson, Chairman
Nancy Burnham, Clerk
Kala Fisher
Toni Phillips
Jean Robinson

CAPITAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen & the Citizens of the Town Athol;

The Charter for the Town of Athol states the Capital Program Committee shall study proposed capital outlays involving the acquisition of land or an expenditure of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) or more having a useful life of at least three years. The Committee is further charged with studying the need, timing and cost projection of these projects and the effect each will have on the financial position of the Town.

The budget is typically funded from a combination of taxation, free cash and occasionally from unspent balances in prior year Capital Planning accounts. It is the committee's practice to meet with each department head to review the department's current status and future needs. After all of these assessments the Committee meets again to deliberate and form its annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The Capital Program Committee meets jointly with the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Warrant Advisory Committee each April to present its annual budget in preparation of the June Annual Town Meeting.

Lastly, the Capital Program Committee will meet to make recommendations on other projects as they relate to the overall infrastructure of the Town of Athol, for example the renovation to the Athol Public Library and the Town of Athol Five-Year Energy Use Reduction Plan. Members serve five year terms and include representatives from both the Planning Board & the Finance & Warrant Advisory Committee. Current members are Chairman Robert Muzzy, Vice Chairman James Smith, Michael Butler, Dennis Killay, Linda Oldach, Planning Board representative John Lambert and FWAC representative Erik Euvrard.

The Capital Planning Committee presented the FY16 Budget to the Board of Selectmen, per Charter, in April 2015. This year the Capital Planning Committee only had enough money to purchase a new police cruiser for \$38,000 and provide \$30,000 for infrastructure improvements by the Department of Public Works.

Respectfully Submitted;

Robert Muzzy

**CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Charter Review Committee is appointed annually by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee is made up of the following: The Moderator, Town Clerk, a member of the Board of Selectmen, a member of the Charter Commission and 4 citizens.

The Charter Review Committee reviews the Town of Athol's Charter and makes recommended changes to the Board of Selectmen and to the voters in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 43B.

Upon the request of a citizen, the Charter Review Committee discussed the pros and cons of changing the Board of Health from appointed to elected. The Charter Review Committee requested the Board of Selectmen to place the following non-binding question on the Annual Town Election ballot - "Shall the Town Charter require the members of the Board of Health to be elected instead of appointed by the Town Manager?"

The Charter Review Committee began the review of the entire Town Charter and will bring any recommended changes to the Board of Selectmen when the review is complete.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Williams, Chairman
Heather Brissette
Nancy Burnham
Lee Chauvette
Ben Feldman
Joan Gross
Susannah Lee
Lawrence McLaughlin
Elizabeth Peterson

ATHOL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To: The Honorable Board of Selectpersons and the Citizens of Athol,

The Athol Conservation Commission is responsible for well over 1,000 acres of property in Athol and is charged with the duty of protecting these areas, as well as the environment and working with citizens who apply for Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDA) and Notices of Intent (NOI). These hearings are in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and 310 CMR 10.05 (5). Our meetings are regularly held on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in Liberty Hall in the Memorial Building.

We have a board of seven Voting Members, two Associate Members, one Constable, Elwin Bacon, who is dedicated to the overall care and maintenance of Bearsden and Newton Reservoir areas. (Elwin gave us a year notice of his intentions to retire on June 30, 2016.) We also have our valued Wetlands Agent, Ward Smith. He keeps the board well informed on the laws and regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

We only had 9 RDA's and 1 NOI this year but we were able to bring in funds to the Town with timber cuts from Town owned lands.

Michael Mauri, Forester, has continued to implement our Forest Plan. He has marked and put out for bid a couple of cuts in the Bearsden area, bringing in funds that were added to the General Fund.

The Town also hired Forester's, Richard Valcourt & Son, for additional Forest Management cuts on our land in Phillipston, and Cobb Road, and on land formerly known as the Bidwell property.

Jaimee Briggs and David Small worked on the application and (received), a Mass Wildlife Habitat Management Grant for work to be done in Bearsden. This grant will cover the removal of invasive vegetation and the planting of native species to restore it to its natural state.

Bob Curley, with the North Quabbin Trails Association, has continued to promote the Bearsden Area through many media outlets. This is making our wonderful hiking trails and wildlife resources available to many visitors.

With the help of Sarah Wells, Mount Grace Land Trust, the Town was able to acquire the White Pond Road property (107 acres) from the Stoddard family and the abutting South Athol Road property (91 acres) from the LeBlanc family. The Con. Com. has been working with the LeBlanc's to create a parking area off of the main road to reduce encroachment on their remaining property. When it's completed a sign will be erected at the entrance to designate the parking area.

The Con. Com. and Mount Grace Land Trust co-hold a Conservation Restriction on Feldman's (322 acres) and Blakley's (144 acres). A Conservation Restriction prohibits the land from being developed but may be used for logging and agriculture purposes by the land owners.

We are continuing to work with the advancement of the Market Basket property and EDIC to facilitate new businesses on Templeton Road.

The new elementary school is progressing with detention ponds, ground water management and drainage concerns.

We are sad to say that one of our long time members passed away, John Bisbee. We had a dedication ceremony at the main gate in the Bearsden parking lot. It is now know as the "Bisbee Barway."

We have been very blessed to have a great working board of dedicated people who care about our environment and working with people to help them make the best use of their property.

Our board members are:

Robert Muzzy, Chairman James Smith, Vice-Chairman J.R. Greene, Walter Lehmann, Dennis Killay,

M. Katheryn Harrow, and Laura Smith, are all Voting Members

Elwin Bacon, Constable Jaimee Briggs and Bill Wheeler are New Associate Members

Cathy Muzzy, Secretary

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert A. Muzzy, Chairman



James Meehan, Jr., Chairman
Email: jmeehanj@mass.rr.com

Shaun A. Suhoski, Town Manager
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Sunday, March 27, 2016

To: Select Board
From: Jim Meehan
Subject: Annual Report for FY15

EDIC member for the FY15 were Calvin Taylor, Clint Sykes, Keith McGuirk, Mark Wright, Dick Plotkin, Marty Robichaud and Jim Meehan. We met our quorum requirements for 11 of the 12 months.

During FY15 we continued our activities at the North Quabbin Business Park. Construction of the water and sewer project (DIF) was completed. Athol LLC purchased or has Purchase and Sale Agreements with 116 acres. RMD (Market Basket) purchased 70 acres and opened their supermarket in February after extensive site work and road work.

Athol LLC by previous agreement with RMD did not start construction in FY15. The EDIC has worked with Steve Goodman, one of the owners of Athol LLC, to position a gas station and convenience store just outside of the Business Park. After objections from the local residents the EDIC has hired a local civil engineer to do work on some town owned property to evaluate the possibility of a second location.

The EDIC are members of and has attended meetings with North Quabbin Economic Development Committee, Mass Development Council, International Conference of Shopping Centers, Mass Econ as well as North Central Worcester County Chamber of Commerce Economic Development committee.

EDIC has worked with North Quabbin Coalition and the Athol Credit Union on methods to improve our low to moderate income housing and the vacant housing problem. Attended meetings with Boston Home Loan Bank as to financing methods. ACU is now a CDFI (special program for training and loaning monies) which will be advantageous to our community.

We met with potential developers of a hotel through Athol LLC on the EDIC land that Athol LLC has a purchase and sale agreement.

As chairman I am on the board of the North Quabbin Loan Fund. We worked closely with Home Town Bank and Michelle Labell to open the restaurant Bon Appetit on South Street.

We have done preliminary work on moving the school buildings when they are turned over to the town in June of GY16.

Sincerely,

Jim Meehan

MEMORIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

To Board of Selectmen & Citizens of the Town of Athol:

The Memorial Building Committee oversees improvements and changes to the Memorial Building and its grounds. They meet as needed.

In fiscal year 2015 the Memorial Building Committee worked with the Town Manager, the Finance & Warrant Advisory Committee and the Capital Planning Committee to fix the west entrance exterior stairs and the cupola structure on the building's roof.

Both items had been flagged by the Town's Property & Casualty Insurer as hazards and the west entrance, in fact, had to be taped off to pedestrians.

The Town hired architect Paul Lieneck of Haynes, Lieneck & Smith to complete the design and bid documents. Build Max, Inc. of Dudley was the low bidder and contracts were signed in May.

The cost of the repairs to the west entrance was \$34,500 and the cupola was \$36,000. Both projects were completed just under budget and money saved was used to make repairs to the ceiling in the Accountant's Office which had been damaged by water leaking in from the cupola.

Other issues addressed by the Memorial Building Committee included the re-use of the former retirement office in the basement level. The Committee recommended that space be turned into a small meeting room and asked the Town Manager to facilitate.

Plans to renovate the kitchen in Liberty Hall continue to be discussed but are financially unobtainable at this time.

Sincerely,

Ben Feldman, Chairman
JR Greene
Nancy Burnham
Anthony A. Brighenti
Lee Chauvette

Town of Athol
Planning Board
Annual Report
July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

The Planning Board meets on the First (1st) Monday of every Month unless a holiday or election comes into play then we meet the second (2nd) Monday of the Month.

Over the past year we had held two (2) public hearings, one (1) on Zoning Bylaw changes and one (1) for a flag lot for Christopher Stoddard for property located on Old Keene Road.

We have had two (2) ANRS (Approval not required) come before the board. One was for Bachelder Automotive on Marble Street and the other was for Town of Athol for an Out lot on the corner of Main Street and Lake Ellis Road.

Over the course of our meetings we have worked with and continued discussion about the Vegetation Planting at the Adams Farm/ Soltas Energy located on Bearsden Road in Athol Mass. The Board finally signed off on this as all conditions we met. We also had many discussions and work hard on zoning issues brought to us by Richard Godin.

In August we took on Garrett Knapik as an associate member of the board so he could learn what the board is about and he became a full member in January. We were so glad to have him join us. We also lost a wonderful member of the board David Maroni due to a death. And in June we said goodbye to Lynn Harper as she retired from the board after many years with us. We will sure miss her but wish her well.

Our Planning board Members are Calvin Taylor, Chairman

Ann Taylor

Lynn Harper

John Lambert

Garrett Knapik

ATHOL RECREATION COMMISSION

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN &

THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF ATHOL:

THE ATHOL RECREATION COMMISSION HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM AND STAFF THE TWO TOWN BEACHES.

THE SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM IS HELD AT THE ATHOL HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE CHILDREN OF ATHOL AGES 6 TO 14. THE PROGRAM IS A FIVE WEEK PROGRAM THAT WAS SUPERVISED BY JEFFREY JOBST. THE STAFF INCLUDED SEVERAL COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ALSO RESIDE IN THE TOWN OF ATHOL. THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO INCLUDE PHYSICAL EXERCISE, ARTS, DRAMA, NON COMPETITIVE GAMES, AND FIELD TRIPS.

IN THE PAST THE PROGRAM HAD BEEN A MINIMAL REGISTRATION FEE BUT DUE TO FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES THE TOWN MANAGER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE ENCOURAGED THE REGISTRATION FEE BE CHARGED TO CHILDREN THAT WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM. THIS WAS THE SECOND YEAR AFTER THIS FEE WAS ADDED TO THE PROGRAM. THE FEES WERE DECREASED AND THE NUMBERS DID RECOVER SOME BUT DID REMAIN WELL BELOW THOSE OF PREVIOUS YEARS. THOSE CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN A FUN AND ADVENTUROUS PROGRAM BUT MANY CHILDREN WERE NOT ABLE TO PARTICIPATE DUE TO THE CHANGES. THE PLAYGROUND PROGRAM CO-ORDINATED WITH THE FEDERAL SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM USING ATHOL HIGH SCHOOL AS THE FACILITY THAT PROVIDED BREAKFAST AND LUNCH FOR THE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES DURING THE WEEKS OF THE SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM.

THE BEACHES WERE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF BENJAMIN KING. THE BEACHES AT LAKE ELLIS AND SILVER LAKE WERE OPEN IN MID-JUNE THROUGH AUGUST. THE BEACHES WERE OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK FROM 11 AM TO 7PM. EACH BEACH WAS STAFFED WITH TWO LIFEGUARDS. EACH LIFEGUARD MUST MAINTAIN CURRENT CERTIFICATIONS IN LIFEGUARDING, WATERFRONT CERTIFICATION, FIRST AID, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND CPR.

SINCERELY,

SANDRA KING

ATHOL SHADE TREE COMMISSION

ANNUAL REPORT

2015

The Athol Shade Tree Commission is currently in our sixth year. We planted one large Maple on Spring St. and two Grand Rhoderdendrums on Pinedale Rd., as well as a large Maple at Fish Park. Travis Knechtel, Tree Warden for Athol and a member of our Commission, requested financial assistance in this effort. He reports that most of the large pines around Fish Park are dying and will eventually need to be removed. He expresses a desire to restore Hardwoods in the area around the park and neighborhood which the ASTC completely supports. Susie Feldman, member and resident artist has provided us with a new logo for our Commission which can be viewed on the Town's Web page soon.

We lost two members this year, Andrea Buglione, Associate member, has relocated and Audrey Pagnotto resigned. A new member will be appointed in the new year.

Current Member are; Greg McGuane - Chairman, Anthony Brighenti, Sharon Brighenti - Secretary, Susie Feldman, Travis Knechtel - Tree Warden, and Dave Small.

Currently the Commissions" efforts are supported by the Town Of Athol, fundraising, and the generosity of private donors.

Submitted by,

Sharon Brighenti, Secretary ASTC

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Brighenti". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name of the signatory.



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Vacant and Abandoned Building Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Athol:

Vacant and Abandoned Building Committee Report:

The Vacant and Abandoned Building Committee meets once per month to address the ongoing problem of vacant and abandoned, derelict properties. This is at times a tedious task, but progress is being made.

2015 saw the resignation of Susannah Whipps Lee from the Vacant and Abandoned Building Committee. Ms. Lee left our committee to become State Representative and we wish her well in her endeavors.

We finalized the \$150,000.00 grant from the Attorney General's Office completing a number of receivership properties, and recapturing \$32,884.38 from MEC, one of our receivers, to replenish the grant money to be able to continue with our receivership and demolition efforts.

A Special Revenue Account is in process of being created to allow us to reutilize the funds that are brought in as both receivership and demolition funds are returned to the town through property sales and liens.

A top ten demolition list has been created and the committee hopes to seek more funding to aid with our efforts. The committee meets on the third Tuesday of every month, and we greatly appreciate public input.

Respectfully Submitted,

Members of the Vacant and Abandoned Building Committee:

Chair, Fire Chief John Duguay

Vice-Chair Tony Brighenti

Recording Secretary Brianna Skowyra

Alan Dodge

Calvin Taylor

Bruce Winters

Deb Vondal, Health Agent

Alternate Harry Haldt

Alternate Bob Matthews

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen;

The Zoning Board of Appeals met the fourth Wednesday of each month in FY15. The ZBA provides under MGL Chapter 40A an appeals process for property owners denied building / zoning permits by the Inspector of Buildings / Zoning Agent.

Between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015 the ZBA granted:

3 Special Permits

0 Variances

Respectfully Submitted
Elvin Chartrand, Chairman
Susan Sykes, Clerk
Richard Coburn
Robert Mallet
Henry D'Orto
Richard Godin, Alternate
Kala Fisher, Alternate

ZONING BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen &
The Citizens of the Town of Athol:

As a results of concerns expressed by residents regarding the proliferation of yard sales throughout the town, and particularly locations that held yard sales several days each week during most of the year, the Board of Selectmen implemented a yard sale policy during January, 2015. However, the Select board voided the policy in May because it was deemed unenforceable. In an effort to create a policy that could be enforced, the Board of Selectmen requested that the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee (ZBRC) draft a zoning bylaw to regulate yard sales.

The ZBRC worked with members of the town's Planning Department, the Town Manager's Office, the Building Department and the Town Clerk's office to draft a definition for "Yard Sale" to be included in the zoning bylaws. The definition defined what constituted a yard sale and outline conditions that must be followed when yard sales are held in the town of Athol.

This definition was presented at the October town meeting and received a majority vote in favor of adopting it for inclusion to the town's zoning bylaws. However, the majority vote did not meet the 2/3rd requirement for passage and as a result, the warrant article failed.

The ZBRC also presented at the October town meeting a second warrant article to change the "Animal Kennel or Hospital" use in the Use Regulation Schedule by adding a footnote that referenced Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 136A. In addition to changing the definition for Kennel, the Massachusetts Legislature created definitions for "Commercial boarding or training kennel", "Commercial breeder kennel", "Domestic charitable corporation kennel", "Personal kennel", "Shelter", and "Veterinary kennel". The footnote incorporated these definitions into the town's zoning bylaws. This warrant article was overwhelmingly passed by the resident in attendance.

Respectfully,

Richard D. Godin
Chairman, Zoning Bylaw Review Committee